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Message From The President

Well here we are and winter is almost over for most of you. The Tennessee State Numismatic Society spring show is now history and was a great success. We were completely sold out with many of our past dealers returning for the first time in a few years.

This show was successful because of many people – Ron and Sharon Blackman kept me straight and made sure that everything was correct before the show started. They both worked very hard and I cannot thank them enough for their assistance. Jim Ford supported the organization and helped in many different areas. His knowledge of the what, when and where is irreplaceable, along with his knowing people in the positions around East Ridge that helped make everything work smoothly. Wayne and Glenda Weaver are the eyes and ears at the show when it comes to security. They provide a great service to each and every dealer who attends the show. Great job!

TSNS was hit with an IRS audit for 2015, which took place just before the show began. Our Secretary-Treasurer Amy Kubicek sat with the auditor for two days and presented our case as a 501.3(c) organization and made sure that funds were accounted for to the best of her ability. I am happy to report that TSNS maintained it's 'not for profit' status and we came out with very few problems, which have been resolved. I believe that the entire membership owes Amy a debt of gratitude for her service during this audit.

Jim Lusk worked behind the scenes to make sure that our banners were placed in the appropriate places around town. Ben Gaddy came in early, as usual, to string the electrical wiring for the dealers. Though not feeling well, he came out and did his share for set-up before anyone arrived and then went home for some needed rest. That is dedication – thanks Ben.

Gayle Pike had another very successful Young Numismatists (YN) program. From my vantage point, it looked like she had a full room of YN's. Remember, the YN's are the future of this hobby/industry and it is very important to get them involved. Bill Swafford one of our club members is always available to help. He volunteers to help Gayle with the YN program and also helps in setting up the arena before the dealers arrive. Jeff Clark and Charles Cataldo being board members also provide support from behind the scenes and make decisions to help all future shows.

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Message From The President (Continued)

There is also one person who has helped out for years and he does it because he enjoys volunteering and that is Stanley Davis. I failed to mention him in my last president's message. Thanks for all of your help Stanley.

The entire board of directors of the Tennessee State Numismatic Society thanks all of the dealers and members of the public that made this show a complete success.

Till next time, Bob

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From the Editor's Desk

Less hope that this last storm that we just had is the last one of the season. I know that our northern friends are a little tired of the cold weather. Hopefully the summer will not be another record breaker that some of the past have been.

We just completed the Spring show of TSNS and it was a very good show. There are pictures of some of the activity showed in this newsletter that took place during the show and as some show we had a good turn out with dealers and public.

Our next show is November 3-5, 2017 so if you have time take a couple hours out of your day to visit the show. You never know that the missing piece that you have been looking for might be there.

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. This will be worth while and by getting to know the dealers that would be a greater benefit.

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

Take care. Ron Blackman



Gayle Pike and Bill Swafford getting the handouts ready for the YN Program.



Gayle and Bill ready to start the YN Program



Good attendance at the YN Program given by Gayle Pike and Bill Swafford

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A FUN 150 YEAR TRIP INTO THE PAST (1866)

Bill Fivaz

Let's take a time machine trip back in time to the year 1866. The bloody Civil War had just concluded, and money was in short supply.

A Five Cent Purchase then was like a \$20 purchase now. Here's a fun exercise for you when you have a little time.

In 1866 there were many different denominations still in circulation in this country. How many different ways could you make a 5 cent purchase, using the coins found in circulation, and receive no change? I'll give you a hint . . . there are 8 different coins you could use, and I'll even start you off with a couple:

1. A large cent, a small cent, a two cent and two half cents.
2. A silver three cent, a large cent and two half cents.

How many different combinations can you come up with? Remember no change can be involved, and the Flying Eagle and Indian cents are considered "small cents".



1866 Five Cent Nickel

PLEASE NOTE: NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES MAY BE USED IN ARRIVING AT YOUR ANSWER.

The answer will be provided in the June issue of the TSNS Newsletter, that will be available early July 2017.

What's Happening	
March 30—April 2, 2017	Whitman Coin & Collectibles Baltimore Expo. Convention Center, One Pratt St, Baltimore, MD. (PH: 404-214-4373). Email: info@whitmanexpo.com .
April 1, 2017	Coin Show. Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike. Knoxville, TN (PH: 865-660-8692) Email: beavercreekcoins@bellsouth.net
April 9, 2017	Greater Atlanta Coin Show, 500 Powder Springs St, Marietta, GA. PH: 770-772-4359. Email: atlcoin@hotmail.com . Web site: www.atlcoin.com .
April 21-23, 2017	Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) 53rd Annual Coin Show. NW Georgia Trade and Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road. Dalton, GA PH: 770-639-0190 Web Site: www.gamoney.org
May 6, 2017	Coin Show. Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike. Knoxville, TN (PH: 865-660-8692) Email: beavercreekcoins@bellsouth.net
May 7, 2017	Greater Atlanta Coin Show, 500 Powder Springs St, Marietta, GA. PH: 770-772-4359. Email: atlcoin@hotmail.com . Web site: www.atlcoin.com .
June 7-11, 2017	41st International Paper Money Show. Sheraton Crown Center, 2345 McGee St. Kansas City, MO. (PH: 817-723-7231). Email: doug@memphisipms.com . Website: www.memphisipms.com
If you are aware of local shows that are not listed contact Ron Blackman Email: rblackman@cfl.rr.com and provide information needed. Visit website: www.TSNS.org for a more up to date list of shows.	

A Civil War Era Saloon Token

by Bill Groom

During the Civil War years, 1861-65, circulating coins were being hoarded, so merchants were hard-pressed to make change to conduct business. Consequently, they took to issuing tokens, purchased from die sinkers. These typically cent-sized tokens could be purchased in lots of a thousand, \$10.00 worth, for maybe \$8.00. Thus, a merchant would realize an instant profit on his investment, providing his customers accepted the tokens; this, which they predictably did. These Civil War tokens fell into two, distinct categories, *store cards* and *patriotics*. The store cards served as word-of-mouth advertising for the issuing merchant, whereas the patriotic tokens principally expressed political sentiments. However, many store cards displayed merchant advertising on one side with a patriotic die on the reverse.


Below is pictured a Civil War store card that was issued by Gustavus Lindenmueller of New York City. He was an entrepreneur extraordinaire, operating his beer hall amid a theater atmosphere. He managed to evade the Sunday drinking law by declaring his business to be "The Church of German Shakers" and displaying a "members only" sign at the entrance. A contemporary newspaper account described the establishment as follows "On entering, it appeared that the German Shakers have a more peculiar, and apparently a more cheerful mode of conducting their religious enterprises than their American namesakes." The NY Tribune reporter went on to say that the "worshippers" seen consuming lager beer were shaking with Scandinavian laughter. To Lindenmueller's credit, the reporter described it as being more of a family atmosphere, wherein groups of friendly folks would gather to enjoy entertainment. **Continued page 7.**



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David was born August 19, 1935 and passed away on February 16, 2017.

He was a graduate of Porter High School and Maryville College in Maryville, TN. He retired from State Auto Insurance Company.

David will be remembered as a gentlemen that loved being around people especially at coin shows. He was a long time member of TSNS where he attended all shows and was sitting behind the table working on coins.

He attended these shows on a regular basis and could be count on to be there enjoying himself interfacing with dealers and collectors. He will be surely miss at these shows where he always had a smile and you could hear his laughter

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A Civil War Era Saloon Token (continued)

Beneath Lindenmueller's prominent bust can be seen the name of the die sinker, **L. (Louis) Roloff**. A beer mug, encircled by a wreath, adds to the pictorial desirability of this token which is closer in size to a quarter than a small cent. It's estimated that more than a million of Lindenmueller's tokens were struck. The Third Avenue Railroad commonly accepted his tokens as fare. But, when Lindenmueller refused to redeem his tokens from the railroad, a lawsuit ensued which led to the Coinage Act of 1864. This act ended the use of Civil War tokens as currency. Lindenmueller's historic token lives on

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A Real 1804 Dollar

by Bill Groom

The 1804 U.S. silver dollar has been labeled the “King of Coins.” Some fifteen specimens are known to exist, and they have traded hands for millions of dollars in recent years. Produced by the U.S. Mint, during the 1830-40's, the 1804 dated dollars were principally struck to serve as presentation pieces for foreign dignitaries, such as the King of Siam.



Relatively few collectors will ever see, much less own, a genuine 1804 Bust Dollar. Fortunately, there's an affordable alternative. Spanish “dollars” called “eight *real* pieces” or “pieces of eight” circulated as worldwide currency during the 1600-1800's. These were then the recognizable workhorses of trade in the old world, the new world and the orient. They were universally valued for their silver content, as were the lower denomination Spanish coins, the four, two and one *real* (Spanish for royal) coins.

Pictured next page is an 1804 Spanish eight *real* piece. King Charles IV who reigned from 1788-1808 is featured on the obverse. The central devices on the reverse are the Spanish crown atop the royal coat-of-arms, flanked by the legendary pillars of Hercules.

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Be a Sure Winner with this Flipper!

By Bill Groom

The below advertising token is classified as a flipper. Dating back into the 1930's, it's about the size of a half dollar. In addition to being collected as a token, it has appeal to those who collect items related to tobacco. These pocket-sized conversation pieces probably generated many a smile in their day. As such, word-of-mouth advertising was the result. Keep in mind that these tokens circulated long before folks knew anything about carcinogens; this, when smoking was simply a pleasurable pastime.



According to Wikipedia, Bull Durham smoking tobacco was originally rooted in Durham, North Carolina. One J.R. Green, a tobacco peddler, started to company back in the 1850s. During the Civil War, soldiers in both the Union and Confederate camps enjoyed Green's tobacco. Following the war, the company changed hands many times. Yet, thanks to a highly successful advertising campaign by W.T. Blackwell it became one of the most successful tobacco brands of all time. Whereas the company produced 60,000 pounds of tobacco in 1869, it produced over five million pounds. Into the twentieth century, Bull Durham was consolidated into the American Tobacco Company.

Advertising was what made Bull Durham famous. Their signs were painted on barns, their coupons could be redeemed for a gold plated watch, and other inventive marketing strategies helped make their brand so well known. It occurs to this writer if Bull Durham may have sired Elsie the Cow who mooed and wooed customers for Borden Dairy Products in the 1930'sudderly possible, methinks!

A Real 1804 Dollar (continued)



The above 1804 "dollar" bears a Mexico City mintmark, being o/M. This oldest mint in the New World began striking coins in 1536. Note that this coin bears numerous, tiny chopmarks that were inflicted by merchants in China; this, as a means of authenticating the silver content. If only this coin could tell us more about its exotic travels!

These *real* 1804 dollars in lower grades can often be found in today's market at prices well under \$100. Unlike the "King of Dollars" these were actually minted in 1804, the year they are dated. Then too, these *real* dollars once circulated among real people, worldwide, to accommodate real trade. For any collector, wanting to own an 1804 dollar nowadays, these surely constitute a real bargain!

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Bob Hurst presenting Gayle Pike a plaque for her many years of dedication as Chairperson for TSNS and dedicated service to TSNS. The plaque appears on the next page.

When you see Gayle say thanks for her dedication to TSNS and the shows.

The Lobby just prior to the opening of the Convention on Friday morning.



Bourse Area during Thursday set up time.



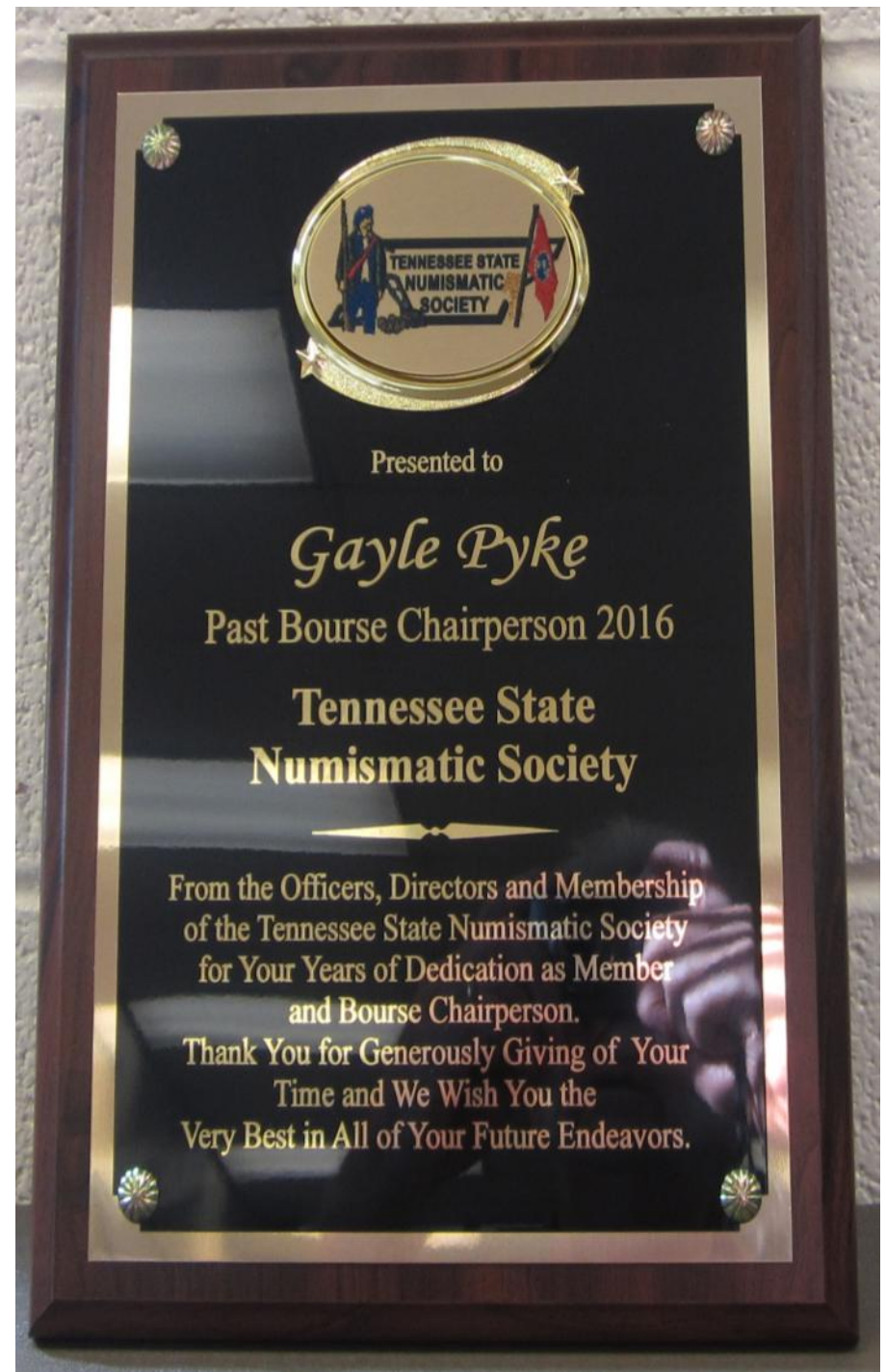
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Bob Hurst presented this plaque to Jim Ford, for his many years and devotion in support of the many activities of the TSNS Convention and Organization. Many thanks to Jim for his devotion and help. When you see Jim at the Convention or any where make a point in saying Thanks.




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