

THE ROOSTER

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Welcome to the TARC Monthly Newsletter : *The Rooster*. You will find information from last month's meeting, details on upcoming hunts and coin shows, results from last month's judging, funnies, current news, and maybe even a few spelling errors.

If you're visiting for the first time...WELCOME! We'd love to know how you heard about us, and most importantly we'd love to know more about you!

If you're a returning guest, welcome back!

If you have a story or article you'd like to include in *The Rooster*, let Tiffany or Charles know at least a week before the next TARC Meeting.

Please, feel free to visit our website to learn more about us and what we do. We hope to see you again next month!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Our next meeting will be on May 5th at 7pm at Matthews Park.
- We had 5 new members join the club last month: Wayne Morin, Doug Powell, Mark Tollett, Jacob Blackburn, and Hilberto Leyva.
- We had a huge turnout of 24 people last month, including some visitors! (Al, Paul & Carla, and James 'Pat')
- We are looking for areas in Galveston to hunt, as well as looking at June for our Club Beach Hunt.
- The Quarterly Points Winners were:
 - 1st - Ronnie
 - 2nd - Blaine
 - 3rd - Carl

APRIL'S BIRTHDAYS

- Roy Goin - 4th
- Cory Gage - 5th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Club Hunt @ Blaine and Cindy's - Entry Fee \$25 (total 3 hunts) - Magnolia, Texas April 17.
- Battle of Temple Junction - Civil War Reenactment. May 21-23. Contact: greg.manning@us.army.mil or saddler@embarqmail.com

IN THE NEWS

Old Coins Fascinate Teacher

By Jean Cowden Moore

Michael Ward may be a scholar of American history, but he became smitten with ancient Roman coins on two trips to Europe a few years ago.

Ward, who teaches at Ventura College, spotted the coins in antique shops in London and France but didn't buy any until he returned to the United States. He started buying them from online sites and eventually acquired a collection that ranges from the Republic to the Empire, with the oldest from around 140 B.C. Now he's displaying some of those coins in the college library.

"People who see these can understand some of the humanity of an ancient culture like the Romans, how much they were like us," Ward said. "This is the best use for them, rather than locked away somewhere."

Veeder Dorn, one of Ward's students, went to see the collection the first day it was on display.

"Looking at those, I thought, 'Here's the Roman Empire,'" Dorn said. "You don't know who was carrying those coins. It could have been one of the emperors. It could have been a slave."

Ward paid \$4 to \$45 for each coin. The coins have since increased in value, and the collection in the library is now worth about \$3,000, he estimated. Most of the coins are silver, although some are bronze. Still others are bronze dipped in silver, which rubbed off over the years.

"I don't have any gold coins," Ward said. "Those were expensive."



Ward used the information provided when he bought each coin to research a bit more about its history, delving into the period it was used, including the economy and government at the time. One of the joys of that research was seeing how the figures imprinted on the coins evolved from the Republic to the Empire.

"They're going from gods to historical figures," he said. "Then in the Imperial period, you get emperors and their wives."

The coins will be on display at the campus library at least through the end of the semester in May. The exhibit is open to the public.

"They're so rare," Dorn said. "And he's brought the real thing to Ventura College."

MCHUMOR.com by T. McCracken



A Convention of Coin Collectors.

MARCH'S JUDGING

	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE
OLDEST COIN	Rich 1875 10¢ (seated)	Charles 1919 1¢	Jacob 1934 1¢
TOKENS	Charles Galveston Trolley Token	Larry \$2 Token	Dewitt Stack of Tokens
JEWELRY	Ronnie 10k Pendant	Norm Silver/Opal Ring	Larry Silver Chain
MILITARY, CLUB, OR PENDANT	Charles Cracker Jack Coin	Rich Button	Larry Button
QUANTITY	Rich \$20+	Larry \$13.87	Charles \$12.86
MOST VALUABLE	Norm 14k Gold Ring	Larry Silver Ring	Charles Silver Ring
TOYS	Rich Toy Car	Norm Square Bob Toy	Charles Marbles
MOST NICKELS	Charles 24	Dewitt 17	Norm 11
FURTHEST FOREIGN COIN	Charles France	Rich England	Norm Canada
PULL TABS	Charles 137	Carl 57	Norm 50
MOST UNIQUE	Dewitt Brass Bell	Carl 1954 License Plate	Ronnie Small Handcuff
BEST COIN	Larry 1891 10¢	Rich 1910 Q	Charles 1936 Buffalo
JUDGES	Blaine	Trey	

EDITOR'S PICK

The Editor's Pick is just that. The Editor's favorite find of last month. It can be pricey or priceless. In mint condition or a rusty heap.

Our favorite find for last month was this 1843 Seated Dime. (Sorry, we can't remember who found it...)

