

**Kevin Kell, President**  
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**The coin club meeting is at 7PM the second Thursday of each month at:  
The Mission Church, 3224 Cheek Sparger Rd., Bedford, Texas 76021**



## A photograph showing a man in a red shirt standing at a wooden podium, speaking into a microphone. He is gesturing with his right hand. In the foreground, the back of a man's head and shoulders are visible; he is wearing a green shirt. To the right, another man in a red shirt is seated, looking towards the speaker. The setting appears to be a formal presentation or lecture hall.

It's early, but mark your calendars and plan to attend.

## State Quarters

During the heady days of coin collecting in the 1950's, any kid could find type examples of 20<sup>th</sup> century coins from circulating coinage, and with a bit of luck, even find a rare date. However, the dollar and half dollar dropped from use, and the circulating cent through quarter designs remained unchanged after 1959. Therefore, collectors of the 1990's could no longer pluck multiple type coins from pocket change, which caused young collectors to lose interest.

The 50 State Quarters Program was started in 1999 to support a new generation of coin collectors. These quarters were released by the Mint every ten weeks, or five each year. They were released in the same order that the states ratified the Constitution or were admitted to the Union. A new enhanced portrait of Washington was to grace the obverse.



Despite the support of the director of the Mint and the treasury secretary-appointed CCCAC, the Treasury Department opposed the 50 States Quarters Program, as commemorative coinage had come to be identified with abuses and excesses. Nonetheless, Congressional approval was promptly obtained.

Each quarter's reverse commemorated one of the 50 states with a design emblematic of its unique history, traditions and symbols. Certain design elements, such as state flags, images of living persons, and head-and-shoulder images of deceased persons were prohibited. Each state was given a substantial role and considerable discretion in determining the design that would represent their state. Most states followed a process by which the governor solicited the state's citizens to submit design concepts and appointed an advisory group to oversee the process. Governors submitted three to five finalist design concepts to the secretary of treasury for approval. Approved designs were returned to the states for selection of a final design. The media and public attention surrounding this process and the release of each state's quarter was intense and produced significant publicity for the program.

Interest in the program was further enhanced by oddities in many of the designs. For example, the Georgia quarter accidentally left out Dade County in the northwest corner of the state (rumor implies it was done intentionally as this county had seceded from Georgia in 1860). Several states displayed objects that no longer exist – Charter Oak in Connecticut and the Old Man in the Mountain in New Hampshire.

A number of the Wisconsin quarters featured a small mint error: the ear of corn features an extra leaf. Some of the affected coins feature a "low leaf", others feature a "high leaf". All of these "error coins" were minted at

the Denver mint. It is unclear whether the error was deliberate or accidental, but the error generated considerable initial interest.

Although the statehood program was, by legislation, originally intended to include only the 50 states, the program was extended to include the 2009 District of Columbia and US Territories Program. Another extension brought the 10-year America The Beautiful series through at least 2021. Once the America the Beautiful Quarters Program ends in 2021, the obverse of the quarter will revert to the original Flanagan design used from 1932 until the start of the 50 State Quarter Program. However, the reverse will be redesigned to feature General Washington crossing the Delaware River, the same theme that was used on the 1999 New Jersey quarter.



The 50 State Quarters Program was the most popular commemorative coin program in United States history; the United States Mint has estimated that 147 million Americans have collected state quarters and 3.5 million participated in the selection of state quarter designs.

## Special Meeting Activity Calendar

- September** – Show and Tell Night
- November** – Veteran's night,  
Officer/Director elections
- December** – Christmas party
- April** – Donation auction
- May** – Quiz Night
- June** – Youth Night
- July** – Weenie Roast

We need volunteers to give the 2020 programs.  
Contact Kenny Smith if you have an interest.

## Upcoming Local Coin Shows

- September 6-7** – Cowtown Coin Show, 8905 Clifford, White Settlement. \$3.
- September 14** – Waco Fall Coin Show, Bellmead Community Center, Bellmead. \$2.
- September 27-29** – Texas Coin Show, Grapevine Convention Ctr \$3 or free with NETCC membership.
- October 5** – Plano Coin Show, 700 Central Parkway, Plano. Free.

**August New Members:** Blake Floyd.

**August First Time Visitors:** Cody & Elliott De Loach, Randle Harris.