2014 F.U.N. 23rd Annual Mail and Floor Bid Auction

to be held at the OHNS Annual Meeting

Saturday January 10, 2015 at 10:00 am
Orange County Convention Center, Hall WD, West Concourse
9800 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819
BoTales Banner Banter and Editor’s Remarks

This is our Auction Catalog issue of BoTales. All the coins pictured on the cover are in OHNS Auction 23 that will take place on January 10, 2015. The spectacular classic carving in the upper left corner of the banner depicts a Rabbi or Jewish man and was carved by George Washington “Bo” Hughes. It is lot 57. The classic carving to the immediate right is lot 34. This is a very rare hobo nickel as it was carved on a 1918/1917D Indian head nickel. The two nickels on the right side of the banner are modern carvings by contemporary artists. The comical donkey is by Howard Thomas and is lot 49. The skeleton head hiking hobo pictured on the far right side of the banner is lot 64 and is by Paolo Curcio. The nickels and postcard pictured in the collage below the banner can also be found in Auction 23.

At the OHNS Annual meeting held just before the Auction, I will be handing out Literary Awards to those members who have contributed articles to BoTales this past year. Member Kimzie “Spike” Cowart will be handing out a “hobo gag gift” for the 16th year in a row. You’ll have to wait until January 10th to find out what unique item he came up with this time.

I want to remind our new and old members of a couple of on-line places they can go to find out more about what’s happening with hobo nickels. Of course there is the OHNS official site www.hobonickels.org. At www.facebook.com/groups/theoriginalhobonickelsociety you will find the OHNS Facebook site at where you will find various posts by hobo nickel carvers, hobo nickel collectors and admirers of carved coin art. There is another great site created by member Chris DeFlorentis. At www.pinterest.com/dechristo you will find photos of thousands of classic and contemporary hobo nickels.

Again thanks to Chris Dempsey for creating the banner and cover collage for this BoTales issue. I also want to thank member OHNS Owen Lorion for his continued permission to reprint his “Money Talks” cartoon strips. You will find two such strips on page 27.

I just want to again share, that starting with the spring 2015 issue of BoTales, Carol Bastable will be starting a recurring column entitled “Carver Spotlight.”

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You need to pay your 2015 dues to be eligible to bid in Auction 23.

Even if you aren’t bidding in Auction 23, please send your 2015 dues payment NOW to help OHNS keep costs down and our membership affordable. All annual dues payments are due at the start of each calendar year.

You Still Have Time
OHNS Hobo Tokens

Only a handful of 2014 OHNS tokens are left for purchase by OHNS members. The price is $27.50 per set (copper and silver) or $20 for the silver and $15 for the copper plus postage of $1.50.

Just a few silver 2012 OHNS tokens are also currently available for purchase by OHNS members. The price $20 each plus postage of $1.50. All the 2013 tokens are gone.

Please submit your order to: Don Haley
5929 Wedgewood Village Circle, Lake Worth, Florida 33463-7368. Checks are to be made out to the Original Hobo Nickel Society (complete name). Don's email address is DonLHaley@aol.com.

The 3rd printing Guidebooks are available at $28 postage paid and “The Hobo Nickel” slide show DVD/CD ROM is available for $10. Old issues of BoTales are also available for purchase. Contact Don for details on any of these items. Don also has NEW pin-back buttons available for sale. The price is $5 each and $2.50 postage for 1 or 2 buttons. ✦
AUCTION MANAGER'S MESSAGE

OHNS’s 23rd auction to be held on January 10, 2015 at the FUN show in Orlando Florida offers a wide range of classic and modern carvings, tokens, and other related items. The classic lots include a good number of nicknamed carvers, some of which are very elusive. There are also many quality original carvings by unknown artists. Among the auction lots are two carvings by George Washington “Bo” Hughes. One of these is a superior cameo carving of a Rabbi which is a plate coin from Romines’ second book on hobo nickels. Also represented in the auction are the works of many contemporary artists that cover a variety of different subjects. Whatever your level of collecting, there are plenty of great carvings to add to your collections.

We hope that we get to see many of our members at the FUN Show. For those unable to attend the FUN Show, the auction lots can be viewed in color on the OHNS web site www.hobonickels.org. Bid the most you want to pay for a lot. At the live auction coins we will bid for you up to your maximum amount. You could win lots for less than your bid. At the show we will have the auctions lots available for you to preview at the OHNS bourse table on Thursday and Friday and at the OHNS meeting and auction room on Saturday prior to auction which follows the 10 AM general meeting. I am happy to announce that OHNS Honorary Life Member Allen Cowart, owner of Cowart Auction Company in Cocoa Florida will be our auctioneer for this auction.

Your bids must be submitted by postal mail or email no later than January 4th. As in the past no phone bids will be accepted. I can be contacted by email or phone if you have any questions regarding the auction. Please submit your bids early! I wish you all good luck. Send bids to:

Marc Banks
P.O. Box 5
Avon, CT 06089

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OHNS Auction #23 Rules

Welcome to the twenty-third OHNS Hobo Nickel Auction! We hope you are successful in obtaining the lot(s) you bid on and that you enjoy the fun and fellowship of one of the fastest growing numismatic clubs in the country! Bid liberally and with confidence that each lot is described completely and accurately. We ask that you review the Auction Rules below and adhere to them closely which will make it a fun auction for everyone. GOOD LUCK . . .

1. All lots are guaranteed as described. Any typos or other errors will be called to your attention at the beginning of the auction.

2. Bidding is open to all paid up members of OHNS, and will be conducted on both a Mail Bid and Floor Bid basis.

3 ALL. Mail bids must be sent to Marc Banks, PO Box 5, Avon, CT 06089-0005 and received by January 4, 2015. You may scan your bid sheet and email as an attachment to Marc at banksmarcsbcglobal.net. Or call Marc at 860-658-7482 if you have any questions about bidding.

4. The certification or quality designation papers for lots examined by OHNS will accompany each lot unless otherwise indicated. A photo is also included. No OHNS QD paperwork for hobo tokens, hobo postcards, and multi-coin bulk lots (unless noted).

5. There will be a 10% buyer’s fee and a 5% seller’s fee.

6. Owners may submit one (1) mail bid on each of their coins. This will serve as a “minimum bid” if the owner desires. NO floor bids will be accepted from an owner on their coins. If the owner wins his/her own lot, they are obligated to pay both the 5% seller’s fee and 10% buyer’s fee. Contact Auction Manager Marc Banks if you have any questions.

7. NO unlimited bids will be accepted. The Bidder’s OHNS number must be included on all Mail Bids. This number will also be your floor bidding number.

8. ALL payments must be made by check or cash only, with checks being made out to Marc Banks. PLEASE include your OHNS number on all checks. Have any questions about this sale? Telephone Marc at 860-658-7482 or email at banksmarcsbcglobal.net.

9. Postage and insurance will be added to the invoice for all successful Mail Bidders.

10. All sales are final, and payments must be made promptly.

11. A list of prices realized will appear in the next BoTales and will also be posted on the OHNS website at: www.hobonickels.org following the auction.

Auction #23 Catalog Descriptions

For those unfamiliar with our OHNS Auction Catalog, there are several designations and abbreviations used throughout the catalog.

1. Unless otherwise noted, all carvings described are on Buffalo (1913-1938) nickels.

2. Each lot with a Quality Designation (QD) has been reviewed and graded by two authenticators. The authenticators’ last names appear at the beginning of each description. The QD or Registration (used in early years) number is listed in the item description.

3. If the carving’s artist is known, the name is listed and if the carving is a Classic (old, original) or Modern (carved since 1980) just below the lot number’s photo.

4. Right after the “Classic” or “Modern” designation, you will find a quality designation (Superior, Above Average, Average) for the carving itself. If the authenticators disagree as to the carving’s the quality, two levels will be noted. For example Ave/Ave(L) means the first authenticator indicated the carving grades Average and the second authenticator indicates the grade is Average (Low). Note that abbreviations like Abv for Above, Sup for Superior and Ave for Average may be used to save space.

5. An estimate of the grade of the nickel itself (G or Good, VG or Very Good, F or Fine, or XF or Extra Fine, etc.) is also noted just below the coin’s photo.

6. If the host coin’s date is legible, the date (and mint mark if known) is also noted just below the coin’s photo. If the date has been removed or worn off, the description will be either “ND” or “No Date.”

7. The lot number descriptions are a summary of the information provided by the two authenticators on the QD form. If there is a significant disagreement on the carving or who the artist is, this will be noted in the description. In many cases there is not enough room to include all the Authenticators’ remarks in the catalog descriptions. Please contact Ralph Winter (see page 3 for contact information) if you have a question about a particular lot. Also please note that most all of the modern carvings have been signed in some manner. Again, contact Ralph Winter if you have a question about this.

8. Color photographs (where available) of the auction lot nickels can be found on the OHNS website at www.hobonickels.org. You can also find all the photos of postcard Lots 17, 18 and 88.

9. Some lots in this sale were donated, with all or a portion of the proceeds going to OHNS as noted in the catalog.

10. An Auction 23 Bid Sheet can be found on page 25. You may photocopy this page. You may also download an Auction Bid sheet from the OHNS website.
Lot 1 – Lot of Two Hobo Nickels

Amy Armstrong Modern: 1931 & 1937 dated nickels
Bulk lot of two hobo nickels by contemporary artist Amy Armstrong. Young man and man wearing a derby. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 2 – Lot of Two Hobo Nickels

Steven Ellsworth: Modern: 2 1936 dated nickels
Bulk lot of two hobo nickels by contemporary artist Steve Ellsworth. Locomotive carved into Indian’s head and traditional bearded man wearing a derby. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 3 – Lot of Two Hobo Nickels

Ralph Perrico Modern: 2 1936 dated nickels 36
Bulk lot of 2 hobo nickels by contemporary artist Ralph Perrico. Warrior and woman on beach. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 4 – Lot of Two Hobo Carvings

Bill Jameson Modern: 1968 25¢ and 1971 S1
Bulk lot of two hobo style carved coins by contemporary artist Bill Jameson. Hatless man on Kennedy half dollar and man with light beard and wearing a derby carved on Eisenhower $1. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 5 – Lot of Two Hobo Nickels

Mike Pezak Modern: Reverse carvings 1916 & ND T2
Bulk lot of two hobo nickel reverse carvings by contemporary artist Mike Pezak. Cartoonish caricatures (man with big nose and man wearing top hat). No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 6 – Lot of Two Hobo Nickels

Steve Cox Modern: 1927 & 1935 dated nickels
Bulk lot of two hobo nickels by contemporary artist Steve Cox. Viking warrior with gold inlay horns on helmet. Man with gold inlay hatband on cap. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 7 – Lot of Two Hobo Nickels

Orazio Angelo Modern: 1937 & No Date Type 2
Bulk lot of two hobo nickels by deceased contemporary Italian artist Orazio Angelo. Curly-haired woman and carving depicting General George Custer. No QD papers with this lot.
Lot 8 – Lot of Two Hobo Nickels

Bob Shamey Modern: 1913 T-1 dated nickels
Bulk lot of two hobo nickels by contemporary artist Bob Shamey. Reverse carving of four faces carved into body of buffalo and “Large Face” carved on obverse of Indian head nickel. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 9 – Lot of Two Hobo Nickels

Owen Covert Modern: 1937 & 1935 dated nickels
Bulk lot of two hobo nickels by contemporary artist Owen Covert. Viking and bald headed man. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 10 – Lot of Two Hobo Nickels

John Carter Modern: 1936 & 1928 dated nickels
Bulk lot of two hobo nickels by contemporary artist John Carter. Horse and bearded man wearing fancy derby hat. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 11 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

Unknown Classic: Above Ave(H) No Date T2 XF
Banks/DelFavero: Nicely finished hat with a wide 3-dimensional brim turned up at the side and ends and a band with a bow. Hair, beard and moustache are neatly punched with a small circular punch. Well carved ear. The eye and profile are unaltered. The shirt and jacket and collars are deeply cut. The fields are cleanly dressed. LIBERTY left intact. Nice eye appeal. QD 14-MB-056

Lot 12 – Irishman Smoking Pipe/Mountain?

Unknown Classic: Average (High) No Date G/VG
DelFavero/Alpert: Irishman smoking a pipe on the obverse; mountain range with possible river or land mass in front of it on reverse? Reverse might also be a dog head? Rectangular hat with straight brim and tall hatband with faint diagonal stripes. Crude ear, just outlined by the small wiggly punches forming the hair and beard and eyebrow. Upside down pipe; profile altered. Crude lapel collar. Field dressed. Lot 10 in Auction 20. QD 11-AD-004

Lot 13 – Bearded Man Wearing a Boater

Unknown Classic: Above Average(H) 1913 T-1 VG
Alpert/Fivaz: Nice bold work. Entire field behind and around subject has been dressed. The Indian’s profile has been ethnically altered and a well-formed ear overlaps boater style hat. Crescent cuts used for beard, hair and moustache. Eye, nostril and mouth accented with single punches as has the button hole in the lapel. Bold high coat collar. QD M-028
Lot 14 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

**Unknown Classic: Above Ave/Above Ave(L) ND T2**

Fivaz/Romines: The nose has been completely restricted on this piece as has the nostril and subject’s eye. Small ear; fine-lined hatband “RILEY” in left field and a Hebrew inscription followed by “5” in the right field. Lettering may have been added at a later date than carving. Was Lot 51 in Auction 10. QD F-283

Lot 15 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

**Unknown Classic: Above Average(H) ND T2 F/VG**

Fivaz/Farnsworth: Totally carved; nose slightly altered; well-formed ear overlapping hat brim. Nice accent lines on hat crown and on collar. Eyebrow nicely done. “LI” in LIBERTY has been re-cut. The buffalo on the reverse has been depicted as urinating. QD F-593

Lot 16 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

**Unknown Classic: Average ND T2-D F/VF**

Alpert/Farnsworth: Classic subject carved on defective planchet (clamshell split along entire right half). Hat probably knife cut. Thin brim, simple band with bow, cross-stitched lines on dome. Hair and beard formed with zigzag wriggle cuts. Small ear; profile unaltered. Some shading on collar. Chisel dressed field. Was Lot 37 in Auction 14. QD M-042

Lot 17 – Ten Hobo Postcards

**Various Artists, Some Postmarked; Some Unused**

See OHNS website for color photos of all ten postcards. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 18 – Ten Hobo Postcards

**Various Artists, Some Postmarked; Some Unused**

See OHNS website for color photos of all ten postcards. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 19 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

**Owen Covert Modern: Superior(L) 1927-P VG**

Banks/Alpert: Modern hobo nickel carved in Classic Style. This carver has skillfully combined a number of carving techniques. The derby has a thin, raised brim, a tall band decorated with vertical cut lines, and a nicely peened crown. The hair, moustache and beard are punched. The ear is raised and well detailed. The profile has been total changed with a large bulbous nose. The eye is accented with a crow’s foot and eyebrow. The collar is peened. There is a bug on the neck. The fields are totally dressed. LIBERTY has been removed. Nice eye appeal. Signed on reverse “OC.” QD 14-MB-074
Lot 20 – Bearded Man Wearing a Fedora

Don Wolfe Modern: Superior 1936-S Fine


Lot 21 – Reverse Carving of a Butterfly

Damion Soileau Modern: AbvAve(H)/Superior(L) 1906 Liberty Nickel G

Banks/Alpert: Reverse carving depicting a butterfly within a wreath that decorates the rim of the coin. Fine lines accent both. The fields within the wreath are recessed. Nice contrast. Workmanship resembles that of a love token. QD 14-MB-076

Lot 22 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

Elmer Villarin Modern: Superior(L) 1913 T-1 XF

Banks/Alpert: Modern depiction of carvings by nicknamed carver “Tall Ear.” Hat has a raised brim, decorated band and nicely finished crown. Hair and beard are carved. A well detailed, tall ear overlaps the brim. Eye, cheek and nose slightly modified. Carved lines for shoulder incorporated in to a V-shaped collar. Cleanly dressed field behind the head. Engraved on edge: “EV 2011 14 TALL EAR”. Nice eye appeal. QD 14-MB-077

Lot 23 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

Don Wolfe Modern: Superior 1936 XF/

Banks/Alpert: Hat with brim turned down, plain band with bow and crown flat at the top. Nicely carved hair, eyebrow, large moustache and pointed beard. C-shaped ear with raised outer edge and center detail. Profile changed with a nose reminiscent of those sometimes used by Bo on his self-portraits. Defined double collar and shoulder. Fields and carving highly polished to a satiny fish. LIBERTY left intact. QD 14-MB-078

Lot 24 – Donkey and Shack Reverse Carving

Owen Covert Modern: AbvAve/AbvAve(L) 1937 F

Banks/Alpert: A modern copy of a reverse carving by “Bo” on an encased nickel commemorating 100th years since the appearance of the Buffalo and hobo nickels (2013). Legends above buffalo have been removed. Fields finely dressed. QD 14-MB-079

Lot 25 – Horse Head Reverse Carving

“Carvetoon” Classic: Above Average 1908 1¢ VG

Banks/Alpert: Nice depiction of a horse’s head. Appears to be a classic period work done in the fashion of a love token- host coin detail abraded away and picture engraved on smooth surface. Very similar to works of OHNS nicknamed carver Carvetoon, but it may be the work of another carver. Crescent-shaped cuts used for detail on head and mane and for the border around the rim of the penny. QD 14-MB-080
Lot 26 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

Don Wolfe Modern: Superior(L) 1935 F/VG

Banks/Alpert: High-relief, modern carving done in the Classic style. Finely finished hat with pointed brim and flat crown. Carved hair, eyebrow, moustache and beard. Raised ear. Profile changed with a pronounced bend to the nose and modifications to mouth and jaw line. Collar raised above the neck and shoulder. Smoothly dressed and recessed fields. QD 14-MB-081

Lot 27 – Reverse Carving of Donkey & Shack

John Carter Modern AbvAve(H)/AbvAve 1936 VG/G

Banks/Alpert: Modern version of Bo carvings with a donkey and cabin/shack. The donkey’s face is very expressive. A bold tail lies across the hip. A tree stands to the right of the cabin. The carving has a nice folk art look. Recessed fields create depth to the work. Coin is lightly polished. QD 14-MB-082

Lot 28 – Portrait of “Bo” Hughes

Owen Covert Modern: Superior(L) 1936 F/VG

Banks/Alpert: Carving encased buffalo nickel commemorating the 100th year anniversary of the first Buffalo and Hobo nickels. The carving captures the look of the self-portraits done by Bo in his later years: bald head, ski-nose, long carved lines of hair, moustache and beard. Cleanly dressed fields with LIBERTY left intact. Nice idea that enhances the connection between the host coin and the hobo nickel. QD 14-MB-083

Lot 29 – Lot of Two Hobo Nickels

Elmer Villarin Modern: 1937D and 1936S dated nickels

Banks/Alpert: Modern version of Bo carvings with a donkey and cabin/shack. The donkey’s face is very expressive. A bold tail lies across the hip. A tree stands to the right of the cabin. The carving has a nice folk art look. Recessed fields create depth to the work. Coin is lightly polished. QD 14-MB-082

Lot 30 – Four Classic Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: 1913, 1917 and 2 ND T2

Banks/Alpert: Modern version of Bo carvings with a donkey and cabin/shack. The donkey’s face is very expressive. A bold tail lies across the hip. A tree stands to the right of the cabin. The carving has a nice folk art look. Recessed fields create depth to the work. Coin is lightly polished. QD 14-MB-082

Lot 31 – Four Classic Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: 1913, 1926, 1935 & 1914

Banks/Alpert: Modern version of Bo carvings with a donkey and cabin/shack. The donkey’s face is very expressive. A bold tail lies across the hip. A tree stands to the right of the cabin. The carving has a nice folk art look. Recessed fields create depth to the work. Coin is lightly polished. QD 14-MB-082
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Lot 38 – Two Hobo Nickels

Mike Branham Modern: 1936 and 1935 Dated Nickels
Bulk lot of two hobo nickels by Mike Branham: Depicted are a hummingbird and a topless fairy. No QD papers.

Lot 39 – Two Hobo Nickels

Howard Thomas Modern: Two 1937 Dated Nickels
Bulk lot of two hobo nickels by Howard Thomas: First depicts a dragon with an inlaid red eye. The second image is that of a bearded renaissance man wearing a fancy hat. No QD papers.

Lot 40 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

“Smoothie” Classic: AbvAve/Average(H) 1913 T1 XF
DelFavero/Banks: Nicknamed artist “Smoothie” has used his signature technique of removing detail from the top to behind the Indians head, as well as braid. He has re-engraved a simple outlined hat with downward pointy end curved brim. He has used a crescent punch to add in head/facial hair and eye brow. Open double hook ended ear has been added along with telltale collar by way of engraving. Date has been removed, and LIBERTY remains intact with just a slight cut through the “I.” All recessed detail has been darkened, with all other toning being natural. Bright obverse surfaces. QD 14-AD-29.

Lot 41 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

Unknown Classic: AbvAve(L)/Ave(H) 1913 Type 1 XF
DelFavero/Banks: A very short down turned brim and seams (cuts) dividing the crown and defining the band. A deep outer groove gives the ear an incused appearance. The hair, moustache and long bearded are punched. The eye and profile have been left unaltered. Fields above and behind the head have been recessed to define the hat and remove the feathers. QD 14-AD-02

Lot 42 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

Unknown Classic: Above Average 1916 XF
DelFavero/Banks: Original carving with a number of nice finishing touches. The derby’s crown has been accented with fine horizontal lines created with a liner tool and the band has a double, sideways V bow. In addition to the hair, moustache and beard, the liner was also used to highlight the neck and dress the collar and jacket. The ear is small and high on the head. The carving has good contrast and eye appeal. QD 14-AD-03

Lot 43 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

“No Neck” Classic: Above Average 1913 Type 2 XF/AU
DelFavero/Banks: Hat is sculpted and engraved in, with a deeply wriggle-cut band added. An engraved ear, which over- rides the hat brim appears to have raised metal along the backside. Head and facial hair have been punched in by way of crescent ended tool. The telltale double lined wide collar tops this subject off. Field work is minimal but good. QD 14-AD-04.
Lot 44 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

“Smoking Joe”/Unknown Classic: AbvAve(L)/Ave(H) 1913 T-1 F/VF
DelFavero/Banks: It is my opinion that this coin carving was created by the artist we know as “Smoking Joe”. He is cigarette-less, perhaps a very early version, as all other signs and techniques are evident. Hat engraved over un-worked Indian’s head consists of a simple brim and thin band with an adornment added. Head and facial hair punched in with beading tool or circular punch, (also used to cover braid as in other specimens). Trench style crescent-shaped ear added as well as a simple engraved double-lined and slightly modified collar. Field work is smooth but wavy, with date and LIBERTY left intact. Classic hobo nickel. This carving is similar in some respects to carvings by “Smoking Joe” as suggested above, but I also see differences: the minimal punching of the hair, moustache and beard as compared to other examples by this carver; the presence of the Indian’s braid, hair detail and feathers on this specimen; and a different collar. I am inclined to believe this is probably the work of another/unknown carver. A nice hobo nickel just the same. QD 14-AD-05

Lot 45 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

Unknown Classic: Above Average(L) 191? Type 2 XF
DelFavero/Banks: This classic era hobo nickel has a nice clean look, as if it were smoothed out before carving was executed. Hat is engraved with pointed end brim and vertical lines place uniformly on the band. Simple engraved ear sits amongst crescent punched head and facial hair. Neck is very clean and leads directly into shoulder area ( no collar). Also displayed is an altered forehead and nose. Field is nice and smooth partial date and LIBERTY remain. This original carving combines engraving and punching to create a nice example of a traditional hobo nickel. The hat has a domed crown, a long pointed brim and a band with cut vertical lines. The ear is engraved and the hair, moustache and beard are all engraved. The profile has been changed by straightening the nose. The hat, neck and fields are smoothly dressed. QD 14-AD-06

Lot 46 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

Unknown Classic: AbvAve/AbvAve(L) 1913 T-1 XF
DelFavero/Banks: Classic carving with extensive use of dense texturing for the hair, moustache, beard and shoulder. A nicely defined hat with somewhat different texturing on the crown and a pointed, down turned brim. The surfaces of the neck and the area below the small rounded ear have been brought down in the same manner as the fields. Nice eye appeal. QD 14-AD-07

Lot 47 – Cartoon Character Jiggs

“Carvetoon” Classic: Above Average(L) ND T2 VG
DelFavero/Banks: Done in the fashion of a love token: engraved on the smoothed surface of a nickel. Particular specimen has been recessed more than usual, although the back of the Indian’s shoulder is faintly visible. Surface of carving is also smoother than usually seen on “Carvetoon” works. Usually fine polish lines are visible. A neat piece with a nice look. QD 14-AD-08

Lot 48 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

Unknown Classic: AbvAve(Ave(H) 1913 T2 F/XF
DelFavero/Banks: Hat displays a nice hand applied Florentine finish without use of a liner tool. Wriggle cut brim. A lightly engraved ear sits amongst graved-in head and facial hair (Amish style). Profile altered, and bare neck leads directly into shoulder area. Field is smooth but wavy with date and LIBERTY retained. Coin displays a light camel/golden toning. QD 14-AD-09
Lot 49 – Cartoon Style Donkey

Howard Thomas Modern: Superior 1926 F
DelFavero/Banks: An eye-catching modern carver by a talented artist. Donkey has an oversized head. The eyes, drooping ear and open mouth give the animal a dopey look. The donkey’s mane, legs and tail are skillfully carved. The large posterior dragging is on the ground. Shrub and grass in foreground. Fields are recessed defining the rim. The buffalo’s horn and hair detail have been re-engraved on the reverse. Nice gray toning. QD 14-AD-10

Lot 50 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

Unknown Classic: Above Average 1913 Type 1 XF
Banks/Alpert: Well-formed derby with a pointed brim, band with bow and crown accented with vertical and horizontal lines. Small punched ear. Overlapping punching for the hair, moustache and beard. Creases on brow and nicely modified eye. Profile unaltered, slight modification to nostril and open mouth. Three cut lines form a double collar. Fields behind and above the head are recessed. Good contrast and eye appeal. QD 14-MB-053

Lot 51 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

Unknown Classic: Above Average 1913-S Type 1 XF
Banks/Alpert: Deep cuts above and below the derby brim give it a raised look. Band has 3 rectangles at center; crown is nicely finished. Well detailed ear. Neatly engraved hair, moustache and beard. Profile unaltered. Cut lines form a simple collar. Carving is almost entirely outlined. Field behind the head cleanly dressed, LIBERTY left intact. QD 14-MB-054

Lot 52 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

“Traveler” Classic: Above Average Type 2 G
Farnsworth/Kraljevich: Entire portrait was carved including the beard. The field (background) has been dressed. The date “1931” appears prominently carved below the neck. QD written up prior to “Traveler” being nicknamed. Was Lot 137 in Auction 13. QD DEF-28

Lot 53 – Clown

“Bo” Hughes Classic: Average 1936 F/VG
Banks/Alpert: Classic (post-1957) hatless clown carving by Bo. Makeup outline around eye and open mouth. Oval ear with etched out center. S-punch used to create a ruffled collar. Bulbous nose. Fields dressed with a wire brush. LIBERTY left intact. Intentional brownish toning. A decent work by Bo after his hand injury. QD 14-MB-055

Lot 54 – Four Classic Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: Three NDs and 1916
Bulk lot of four classic hobo nickels. Each depicts a bearded man wearing a hat. No QD papers with this lot.
Lot 55 – Four Classic Hobo Nickels
Unknown Classics: 1926, 1913 & Two No Dates
Bulk lot of four classic hobo nickels. Each depicts a bearded man wearing a hat. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 56 – Man Wearing a Stocking Cap
Gary Jacobs Modern: Superior(L) 1937 F/VF
Banks/Alpert: A clean and neatly carved modern work. Nicely-altered profile and defined jawline. Very smooth field. Modifications to the nose, mouth (lips) and jaw line. Beaded design on collar, shoulder and along the rim. Nice eye appeal. QD 14-MB-094

Lot 57 – Rabbi
“Bo” Hughes Classic: Superior 1917-P XF/AU

Lot 58 – Sailor
James Stewart Modern: Superior 1936 XF/VF
Banks/Alpert: Carving by the late James Stewart. The Indian has been skillfully transformed into a sailor wearing a cap. Short (textured) hair, eyebrow, sideburn, moustache and beard. Nicely detailed, raised ear. The eye, nose and mouth are done to perfection. Cut lines define the shoulder and collar. Fields are recessed and finely dressed. LIBERTY has been left intact. A less common subject with great eye appeal. QD 14-MB-059

Lot 59 – Bald Irishman
“Wrinkles” Classic: Above Average 1913 T2 XF
Banks/Alpert: This bald Irishman displays a number of the diagnostic markers of “Wrinkles.” Punched hair and beard; the oval, C-shaped ear in the center of the head; the wrinkles on the brow; major modification to the nose; and a simple collar with a series of accent lines. As with other examples by this artist, fields are cleanly dressed & LIBERTY & date remain. QD 14-MB-060

Lot 60 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat
“The Chisler” Classic: Ave(L)/Ave 1920 F/VG
Banks/Alpert: Carving displays all the characteristics of this carver. Large domed hat has a tall crown and large crescent shaped brim. Hair, moustache and beard are done with a punch. Entire carving including the collar and shoulder are outlined. The nickel, other than the eye and unaltered profile, has been smoothed and LIBERTY has been removed. QD 14-MB-061
Lot 61 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

Unknown Classic: Above Average 1913 T-1 XF/VF
Fivaz/Alpert: Subject’s ear is partially overlapping the hat brim. Hat well done. Altered profile, eye and mouth. Rough hair appearance on hair, beard moustache and eyebrow. Field behind subject dressed. LIBERTY remains. Simple collar. Nice overall eye appeal. QD form has no number.

Lot 62 – Sergeant 1st Class Orville P. Snorkel

“Carvetoon” Classic: Above Average(L) 1936 VF
Banks/Alpert: This piece depicts Sarge from the Beetle Bailey comic that began in 1950. Done in the manner of a love token with, in this case, the Indian side of the nickel abraded and then engraved to create a one-dimensional outline carving formed by incuse cut grooves. Nice likeness of this well-known character. QD 14-MB-062

Lot 63 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

“Kosher Carver” Classic: Above Average 1913 T-2 XF
Banks/Alpert: This carving was used in the naming of “Kosher Carver.” This example lacks the Hebrew writing of other specimens but displays unmistakable characteristics of this artist: a high relief, 3 dimensional domed hat; rounding on the bridge of the nose; a shaggy carved beard and moustache; double rings for the ear; and a straight collar with a triangle at the front. The recessed fields and hat dome are finely finished. Nice eye appeal. QD 14-MB-063

Lot 64 – Skeleton hiking hobo reverse carving

Paolo Curcio Modern: Superior 1937-D VF
Banks/Alpert: A skillfully carved take off of the walking hobo using a skeleton (skull with beard and boney hands showing). All aspects of this carving are finely detailed: the hat, shirt, jacket, trousers, shoes and walking stick. Fields are nicely dressed with light peening. Perfect use of this palette. Great eye appeal. QD 14-MB-064

Lot 65 – Hatching Dragon

Steve Cox Modern: Superior 1937-P XF
Banks/Alpert: This carving depicts a friendly looking dragon hatching from an egg. Plenty of fine details: very expressive face with a large smile and a big eye with an eyelash, small bat-like wings and three-toed feet. Fine texturing on the toes, neck and side of the face. A rugged landscape with a volcano at the center serves as a backdrop. Nice overall depth and attractive contrast. Excellent eye appeal. QD 14-MB-065

Lot 66 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

Andy Gonzales Modern: Superior 1936 F/VG
Banks/Alpert: Hat has fine accent lines and decorative band around the bottom. Hair, eyebrow and well-trimmed moustache and beard are composed of fine cut lines. Detailed ear is nicely positioned. Both the eye and nose are altered.. A decorative collar sits above the outlined shoulder. Smoothly dressed fields. An impressive carving. QD 14-MB-067
Lot 67 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

“Peanut Ear” Classic: Above Average 1913 T-2 XF
Banks/Alpert: Domed hat with straight brim and band with punched detail. Overlapping punch marks used for the hair, moustache and beard. Trademark peanut shaped ear is outlined and the center channeled out. A small V-shaped collar sits below the neck. Profile is unaltered, but the nostril has been enhanced. The fields behind and above the head have been slightly recessed. LIBERTY left intact. QD 14-MB-068

Lot 68 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

“Tufty” Classic: Above Average(L) 1913 T-1 XF
Banks/Alpert: Domed hat with a long, pointed brim and plain band defined with cut lines; carved hair with a tuft of hair on the forehead; carved moustache and beard; also carved oval ear with a wide outer ring; mouth slightly down turned; a notch removed at the bridge of the nose; and a chiseled groove for a collar. Fields scraped to remove the Indian’s feathers. QD 14-MB-069

Lot 69 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

“Tall Ear” Classic: Above Average(H) 1913 T1 XF
Banks/Alpert: Domed hat with a thick, straight brim and band with vertical lines. Characteristic tall, pear shaped ear hits the brim of the hat. Dense, overlapping punch marks form the hair and beard. An enlarged nose and modifications to the mouth. Several cut lines that incorporate the ribbon from the host coin form the collar. Well-dressed field behind the head. Nice contrast and toning. QD 14-MB-070

Lot 70 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

“Sam Francisco” Classic: AvgAve 1916-S XF/VF
Banks/Alpert: This nickel is done on a S mint nickel like all other specimens by this carver seen to date. Domed hat with a raised brim and a faint band with vertical lines. Very large C-shaped ear also has a raised edge. Hair, moustache and beard are composed of punch marks. Eye and profile are unaltered. No collar. Fields behind and above the head are recessed. QD 14-MB-071.

Lot 71 – Woman With Hair in a Bun

Owen Covert Modern: AvgAve(H) 1936-S F/VG
Banks/Alpert: Hair is nicely shaped in a bun and accented with cut lines. Profile has been altered considerably (straightened nose, mouth and jaw) to create a more delicate look. Neck has been reduced for the same reason. Several small cuts create an eyebrow and lips. Carving is bordered by a simple scalloped design. Woman’s face and all fields are smoothly dressed. LIBERTY has been removed. Unsigned. QD 14-MB-072.

Lot 72 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

Unknown Classic: Above Average 1913 T-1 XF
Fivaz/Alpert: Bold carving style with deep cut to ear, etc. Hat very well done sitting back on head. Lined hatband with small bow. Altered profile, with accented eye, with squint lines, nostril and mouth. Interesting techniques used on hair, beard, etc. Accented coat, collar. Field nicely dressed. QD has no number.
Lot 73 – Mythical Griffin

Howard Thomas Modern: Superior 1936 F/VF
Banks/Alpert: Nice high relief modern carving of a griffin in an unusual pose, sitting up atop a rock with one talon reaching forward. Front of this creature has the body of an eagle complete with piercing eyes, curved beak, large talons and open wings, the back has the muscular legs and claws and long tail of a lion. Nice smooth field. QD 14-MB-066

Lot 74 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat Facing Left

Bob Shamey Modern: Superior 1937 AU/XF
Banks/Alpert: It is very unusual to have the head facing the other way (left) on the obverse, and to be so nicely done. 1937 date now on the collar. An excellent high-relief carving. Fine details show in feathers and band of hat with a raised, three-dimensional brim. Profile is entirely new. QD 14-MB-058.

Lot 75 – Set of Botales & Auction Catalogs


Lot 76 – Book HOBO NICKELS

Author: Delma (Del) K. Romines
First Printing, June 1982. Book in very good condition. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 77 – Two Hobo Nickels

Derek Pegnall Modern: 1930 and 1935 Dated Nickels
Bulk lot of two hobo nickels by contemporary British artist Derek Pegnall. Each carving depicts a man wearing a hat. The man on the left is wearing a “Robin Hood” style hat with a feather in it. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 78 – Two Hobo Nickels

James Stewart Modern: Two 1936 Dated Nickels
Bulk lot of two hobo nickels by the late contemporary artist James Stewart. Each depicts a man wearing a derby. The specimen on the left has a gold inlaid hatband. No QD papers with this lot.
Lot 79 – Three Hobo Carvings

John Schipp Modern: Canadian 1¢, 5¢ and 25¢ Coins
Three carved coins by contemporary artist John Schipp. The first design is on a 1990 Canadian cent. The second design is carved on a 1978 Jefferson nickel. The third caricature has been rendered on a Washington quarter. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 80 – Four Hobo Nickels

First coins depicts two faces on Indian’s head; Second is a reverse carving of a dog’s head. The third is a modified Indian. The fourth is a reverse carving of a horse’s head. No QD papers.

Lot 81 – Silver Token & Hobo $1

Ron Landis and Mike Lyness Modern
A 1995 Gallery Mint Museum Medal designed by Ron Landis. Minted in .999 fine silver, 1½ troy ounce, one of 500 limited edition. Size of a silver dollar. Reverse depicts a hobo standing in front of a train engine. The paper U.S. $1 has been colored and Washington’s portrait changed to skull by contemporary currency artist and hobo nickel carver Mike Lyness.

Lot 82 – Four Classic Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: 1917, 1936 & 2 1913 Dated Nickels
Bulk lot of four classic hobo nickels. Each depicts a man wearing a hat. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 83 – Two Classic Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: 1936 and 1905 Dated Nickels
Bulk lot of two classic hobo nickels. Each depicts a bearded man wearing a hat. The second portrait is rendered on the obverse of a 1905 Liberty nickel. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 84 – Four Classic Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: 1924, 1916 and Two No Dates
Bulk lot of four classic hobo nickels. Each depicts a bearded man wearing a hat. No QD papers with this lot.
Lot 85 – Two Classic Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: Two No Dates by Same Carver
Bulk lot of two classic hobo nickels. Each depicts a bearded man wearing a derby hat. **Note:** These two nickels carved by the same artist. Find a third and nickname him. No QD papers.

Lot 86 – Two Classic Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: No Date and 1936 Dated Nickels
Bulk lot of two classic hobo nickels. Each depicts a bearded man wearing a derby hat. The coin pictured on the left is encased in a gold-plated bezel. The 2nd coin is by carver nicknamed “Zee Gouger.” No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 87 – Six Hobo Tokens - DONATION

Modern Tokens Designed by Rob Landis
Bulk lot of six hobo tokens. Mixed lot of early OHNS tokens and Gallery Mint Museum (GMM) tokens, Upper left most is 1996 GMM train engine (Indian reverse). Middle top is 1995 OHNS token (Indian reverse); Upper right clown is 1993 OHNS (Buffalo reverse); Lower left is 1996 GMM (buffalo reverse); Lower middle is 1994 OHNS (buffalo reverse); Lower right is 1992 OHNS (buffalo reverse). No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 88 – Ten Hobo Postcards

Various Artists, Some Postmarked; Some Unused
See OHNS website for color photos of all ten postcards. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 89 – Four Classic Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: ND, 1913, ND and 1916
Bulk lot of four classic hobo nickels. Each depicts a bearded man wearing a derby. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 90 – Four Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: ND, 193?, ND and ND
Bulk lot of four hobo nickels. Each depicts a man, one hatless and 3 wearing a hat. Upper left may be modern? No QD papers.
Lot 91 – Four Classic Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: ND, 1927, ND and 1916
Bulk lot of four classic hobo nickels. Each depicts a man, one hatless and 3 wearing a hat. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 92 – Two Bearded Men

Aleksey Saburov Modern: Superior 1913 T-1 XF
DelFavero/Banks: A second partial image parallels the primary portrait has been positioned to the right. The profiles are virtually identical with great perspective and detail. The masterful workmanship is seen in every aspect of the carving: finely textured hats, expertly carved hair, raised ear and sideburns and well-dressed fields. Tremendous eye appeal. QD 14-AD-036

Lot 93 – Two Men Wearing Hats DONATION

Tony Lewis Modern: Above Average(H) 1936 F
DelFavero/Banks: Artist has used an encased nickel host coin commemorating the 1913-2013 “Centennial Celebration” hosted by F.U.N. He has carved a double image of two hatted men on the obverse. Subjects sport nicely detailed hats, head/ facial, ear, collar work, age lines and enhanced eyes. All work is hand engraved, LIBERTY & Date remain. Nice piece. QD AD-14-37

Lot 94 – Four Classic Hobo Nickels

Unknown Classics: 4 No Date Indian Head Nickels
Bulk lot of four classic hobo nickels. Each depicts a man, one hatless and 3 wearing a hat. No QD papers with this lot.

Lot 95 – Man Wearing a Hat

Chad Smith Modern: Superior(L) 1936 XF
DelFavero/Banks: Indian has been transformed into a beardless man wearing a derby. Derby is cleanly finished and has an upturned brim and nicely decorated band with a bow. Hair is well defined with deep cuts. There is a tuft of hair across the forehead. Ear is raised and has good inner details. Eye, profile and jaw line have been altered creating a character with a very expressive face. Detailed collar. Nice depth and contrast. QD 14-AD-035

Lot 96 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

“Rough Beard” Classic: AbvAve/Ave(H) 1913 T2 VG/F
Lot 97 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

Unknown Classic: Above Average No Date T-2 AU

Lot 98 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

Unknown Classic: Average(H) 1920-P VG

Lot 99 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

Unknown Classic: Ave(H)/AbvAve 19?? AU/XF

Lot 100 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

Unknown Classic: Ave/AbvAverage 1913 T-1 XF/F
Fivaz/Wilson: The beard and hair has been heavily scratched as has the eyebrow (knife cut). Smooth well-carved hat with hatband. Nose ethnically altered and eye redone. Entire field dressed. Ear relatively well formed. Wilson believes subject may be an Amish farmer. Was Lot 50 in Auction 15. QD F-522

Lot 101 – Five Modern Hobo Nickels

Five modern hobo nickels by the late hobo nickel carver Jackie Allen. Signed “J. ALLEN” (Stamped) on reverse.

Lot 102 – Beardless Man Wearing a Derby

Unknown Classic: AbvAve/AbvAve(L) ND T2 F
Alpert/Banks: Totally carved. Simple derby hat with smooth hat band and thin wrap-around brim with pointed ends that almost reach the edge of the coin. Carved hair at back of head and above the small, narrow, slanted ear. No beard; profile unaltered. Nice collar with flap at front. Field decently dressed. Nice bold workmanship. A few scratches, visible only under magnification) mar obverse. QD 14-SA-027
Lot 103 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

**Unknown Classic: AbvAve/AbvAve(L) 1914-S XF**

Alpert/Banks: Totally carved. Derby hat with bow on hatband and thin wrap-around brim with rounded ends. Sparingly carved hair, beard, and mustache. Simple C-shaped outer ear. Profile unaltered, but facial alterations include small brow wrinkles, enhanced nostril, and diagonal creases behind the nose and at corner of mouth. Neck and field decently dressed. No collar. Nice overall eye appeal. QD 14-SA-028

Lot 104 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

**Unknown Classic: AbvAve/AbvAve(L) T-2 D Mint XF**

Alpert/Banks: Shallow derby sits high on head, with a textured dome and hatband, and thin brim. Bold tall O-shaped ear with hollowed interior. Hair, beard, mustache, and eyebrow carved or punched. Enlarged nose. Horn-shaped collar is stippled; coat collar and coat are lined. Entire obverse of coin is re-worked except for the cheek and BERTY of LIBERTY. Darkened areas give the work a nice contrast. QD 14-SA-029

Lot 105 – Mickey Mouse

**“Carvetoon” Classic: AboveAverage(L) ND T-2 G**

Alpert/Banks: A typical work by “Carvetoon” and a simple love-token-like engraving on the smoothed obverse of the coin. This specimen pictures a bust of Mickey Mouse, facing ¾ left, smiling with open mouth. Lobed outer border. Carvings such as this lack any relief to the carving. QD 14-SA-030

Lot 106 – Bearded Man Wearing a Derby

**Gordon Raistrick Modern: Superior 1936 VG**

Alpert/Banks: A modern carving picturing a bust of a man facing the viewer. A totally carved work with very high relief. The man is wearing a derby and a coat and tie, and has a trim mustache and beard. His left eye is open; right eye is covered or has a monocle. Creases on his cheeks. The field is textured and deeply recessed which add depth to the carving and an overall three-dimensional look. LIBERTY and date remain. Bold workmanship and nice eye appeal and contrast. QD 14-SA-031

Lot 107 – Bearded Man Wearing a Hat

**Unknown Classic: Ave(H)/AbvAve(L) 1913 T-1 F/VF**

Fivaz/Alpert: Hat has curved thin brim, lined band, shallow dome. Nice curly texture carved hair, beard, moustache. Nose flattened; narrow ear. Tall collar. Field dressed with fine parallel lines; fine lines also on hat and collar. QD form has no number.

Lot 108 – Bearded Man Wearing a Flat Derby

**Unknown Classic: AboveAverage/Ave 1913 T-1 XF**

Some eBay Sales of Hobo Nickels

- Unknown $267
- Ben Proctor $338
- Unknown $109
- Blanca del la Hoz $306
- Unknown $343
- Pedro Villarrubia $305
- “Peanut Ear” $267
- Shaun Hughes $304
- Unknown $76
- James Boudreau $265
- Unknown $167
- Shane Hunter $419
- Unknown $350
- Robert Morris $305
- Unknown $257
- Paolo Curcio $906
- Unknown $951
- Aleksey Saburov Two-sided $835
- “No Neck” $339
- Amy Armstrong $203
- J. Press $46
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The Original Hobo Nickel Society

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Submissions will be reviewed by two OHNS QD Examiners who will give independent opinions as to the quality of the carving, subject, and probable artist. A photograph of the coin will be taken to accompany the report. Originals of the report and photograph will be returned along with the coin to the owner and copies will be kept (1) by the first OHNS QD Examiner and (2) in the OHNS Archives.

The opinions rendered by our Quality Designation Examiners are strictly that, and are not a guarantee of value or authenticity. It is, however, the best considered judgement by qualified specialists in the field. Others may reach different conclusions.

Signature: ______________________________________ Date: ____________________

Mail Fees and Completed QD forms to:

Stephen Alpert (OHNS QD)
P.O.Box 335441
North Las Vegas, NV 89033-5441

- OR -

Art DelFavero (OHNS QD)
41562 Cornell Drive
Novi, MI 48377-1559

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The Original Hobo Nickel Society
Membership Application

Name: ___________________________ Date: ________________
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United States: International/Canada
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3 Years - $50: 3 Years - $90
5 Years - $75: 5 Years - $150
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- I agree to abide by the Original Hobo Nickel Society Ethics, available at hobonickels.org

Signature: ________________________ Date: ________________

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**MONEY TALKS**

### #1086

What do you think of your new movie, Abe?

Yes, that’s the one.

To tell the truth, I haven’t seen it and don’t plan to.

Why not?

I just don’t like going to theaters much any more.

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**MONEY TALKS**

Bo, if you could hop a freight to anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Hmm. The North Pole.

The North Pole? It’s awfully cold up there!

Yeah, but I’d still like to try it.

I like the idea of for once being somewhere where the entire world DOES revolve around me!

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2014 ANA National Money Show
By Sandy “Slip” Pearl, RM710

I traveled to the 2014 American Numismatic Association World’s Fair of Money to work as a National Volunteer and to participate in Board meetings as board secretary. I made numerous trips along the way to visit family and friends.

I started at the end of July, overnighted in Tennessee and then visited an old friend and his wife who had recently moved to Louisville. We had a good time catching up on our experiences and on mutual friends over the past year, and on our coin collections.

Next I traveled to Dayton to satisfy my addiction by visiting the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. There are always new displays as the Space Shuttle Simulator to see and some old favorites like aircraft I supported during my working career. I always stay at a hotel that I shouldn’t (too close to the Golden Corral restaurant). I was pleasantly surprised at the progress made on the roads around Dayton – it’s taken years but they’re finally getting nearly complete.

Next I traveled to Chicago/Rosemont Convention Center for the ANA WFOM taking a slight detour on Indiana 28 along the way. It was a pleasant Sunday drive in mostly farm country. While on IN28 I passed an intriguing business sign for Rittenhouse Heating & Plumbing. I wondered if the owners are related to the famous U.S. Mint Director.

In Rosemont I helped during dealer setup and then took my usual job helping at the ANA Kid’s Zone, Treasure Trivia, and ANA Membership. I always enjoy seeing the smiles on kid’s faces when they spin the prize wheel (they get one prize/day but love spinning the wheel after that for fun as many times as they can) and grabbing cash (for real or fun) in the cash cube.

The convention was jointly hosted by the ANA and the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association. The RCNA show was held in Toronto during the following week and was jointly hosted too.

The show kickoff event was an “Oktoberfest in August” held in the open air square. There was a band for entertainment, plenty of good food and good conversations. There was other “activity” by some attendees who had to be somewhat “lubricated” to participate. The event ended with a really nice fireworks display.

The show included 578 dealer tables, 5 grading services, 24 collector club tables, over 10 U.S. and world mints, and 5 supply dealers. There were multi-day seminars covering subjects from grading, to colonial numismatics, to numismatic negotiating. There were auctions by Heritage (they had over $34 million in sales, including four coins over $1 million each) and by Stack’s Bowers (they had over $14 in sales including an 1804 dollar for $1.88 million). There were 4 Sundman/Littleton Lectures on subjects including Mexican silver cobs and hobby innovations. There were 22 Money Talks on subjects varying from Canadian numismatics, the newly released ANA Website, and U.S. and world numismatics. There was a Judges Familiarization and Certification program. There were 41 member club board, business and general meetings, over 300 cases of exhibits (Mack Martin won the best of show exhibit for “Georgia Baby Bonds”, Charmy Harker won the people’s choice exhibit for “Penny Potpourri”), several book signings, Boy Scout badge and Girl Scout patch workshops, and nightly club banquets.

I watched carver Ron Landis (see photo) creating dies for the Brasher Doubloon replica at the Monaco table.

Our secretary Becky Jirka visited Ron Landis at the Monaco table (see photo below.)
While at the show I got supplies for my business, recruited a new OHNS member, and met a number of OHNS and ANA friends.

I saw OHNS member and ANA National Volunteer Myrna Lighterman and our BoTales editor Ralph Winter at the show (see photo). We discussed the hobby and collecting.

The U.S. Mint sold many of their 2014 products which helped me as there had been a snafu on my subscriptions and I had not gotten the products by mail as usual. Now I have the sets to give my nieces and nephews as their crazy uncle (me) does each year.

The Mint also sold the Kennedy gold half dollar at the show. The show was one of 4 on site locations (the ANA, the mints in Denver and Philadelphia, and in Washington D.C.) simultaneously selling the coins in addition to the usual internet and phone sales. All the onsite locations selling the coin had safety issues with the crowds waiting to buy the coins. All of the onsite locations stopped selling the coins in mid-week due to the safety issues.

The ANA and their contracted security organizations controlled the crowds very well but the crowds made the bourse floor and the area around the convention center into a less positive than usual atmosphere. Many in the crowd were very curious people hired by a casting company under contract from a dealer to buy the coins for that dealer. There were many people queuing over night for a place in line, and some people made several thousand dollars reselling the coins, but a lot of collectors and dealers were not happy with the situation.

A person bought the first gold Kennedy half sold (one of a batch of 2,500 brought by the mint to the ANA show and part of over 40,000 being sold at the onsite, internet and phone locations) for $100,000. The coin may have had an initial release or some other designation but was sold by the mint for $1,240 so the buyer paid an enormous markup.

I attended the ANA banquet and visited with Marilyn and Bill Fivaz (see photo).

After the show I visited friends in Holland Ohio and family and friends in southeastern Michigan. While in Michigan I had lunch with Ralph Winter and Art “Cinco” DelFaverio. We celebrated Ralph’s birthday at the lunch, talked Hobos, and looked at some of Art’s recent additions to his collection.

From Michigan I visited family in New Jersey and friends in Connecticut and Massachusetts. I bought some presents for friends in Florida at Sturbridge Village.

I then traveled home on I-95 – a major mistake! I left Connecticut early on Friday and made good time until I

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The Wanderlust Is In My Blood
By Gustav Schaffer

Year after year, I've been traveling on the road, and now again, after having made a firm resolution never to wander any more, I'm preparing to leave for a trip to the Pacific Coast. I only do what thousands of other Hoboes do, and to us Knights of the Itching Feet, it seems the natural thing to do. The essence of a Hobo is the wanderlust, and the wanderlust is in our blood. The essence of a thing is its nature, and the nature of anything is its chief characteristic. Thus, the essence of a lawyer is law, the essence of an artist is art, and in the same manner the essence of a Hobo is the wanderlust. It is this inner urge to travel, that seize me, and actually compels me to go. In me the instinct to travel is the compelling law of my nature. I guess I'II actually die in a box-car, rolling over the rails.

My strongest emotions are neither sex nor hunger, but the irresistible desire to travel. How it all happens, I myself, don't quite understand, but all at once something seems to seize me, and off I go on the road. I usually am overcome by this desire in the summer time. It's the call of the road. It's the wanderlust, and it's in my blood.

An inherited instinct thatingers in me, that had I the powers of a great intellect, I would trace back to my barbarian ancestors, who were restlessly always on the go. I listen to two voices within me. One tells me to settle down and live a practical life, but there is another voice, that cries out louder-the wanderlust--and it drives me crazy, with a desire to travel. A sort of dreaminess begins by degrees to take possession of me, Spring Fever, I guess; at any rate, I become awfully restless, feet start itchin', and I just can't keep my feet tied down. Feel like I'm stagnating, staying in one place. My surroundings appear to be drab and dull, and life seems so monotonous, that I'll die of the blues if I don't hit out for California.

But suppose I came to an understanding with myself, stayed in one place, and lived a useful, practical life, and cease to regard myself a Hobo. Suppose I emancipated myself from being a wanderer; in that case I'd relieve myself of a good deal of hardship, struggle and suffering. Yes Sir! Suppose! But suppose the dog didn't do what he did, and then he would have caught the rabbit. With that one word, "suppose," one can do wonders: Suppose I had a million dollars? Well, it's the same with me, I just can't suppose for I am compelled to act according to my nature, and my nature is the wanderlust, and it's in my blood.

The whole universe is in constant and perpetual motion, and there is nothing standing still. The stars are on the move and the earth travels around the sun.

Whether by will or necessity, who knows, men are born to travel and it will become a duty in the future for everyone to see the whole earth, for the whole earth is the home of every man.

From the 1940 Hobo News

A HOBO IN LOVE
A Short Short Story
By BEN (Hobo) BENSON
The Coast Kid

I'll call him Larson. His first name was Lars. He was a Swede alright, and like most Swedes, big, blond and honesty, written all over his face.

I met him at the railroad. station in Milwaukee. I tank. I'll yump the mail train and head for St. Paul. As I was on my way to Seattle via St. Paul I decided to ride the Blind with him. After an all night ride we arrived in St. Paul.

While riding the Blind* with him he proved to be a good buddy helping to kill time by his droll conversation. The Swede was tired of the Road. Said he would quit the road; settle down and get married the first opportunity. I told him I wished all his dreams ca me true. Before he left me I gave him my Seattle address and told him to write me soon as he had good news.

A few months later while in Seattle I received a letter from him. In the letter was an invitation to his wedding. He had met the job and the girl and his dreams had come true.

As I was on my way back East I stopped off at St. Paul and arrived the day before the wedding. If you want a good time attend a Swedish wedding. Larson introduced me to the bride and told the company there I was also a Swede. That my name was Ben Benson.. Not wishing to spoil the fun I said nothing though my inability to talk Swedish was an enigma to most of the folks at the wedding, who thought I was a Swede too.

In parting with him he pleaded with me to try and do as he had done.

How can a professional Hobo like me and others have a wife. So I'll have to remain an old bachelor making my own bed and having the good women of the country feed me when I'm broke and hungry, because

It's a wonderful life if you like it (and I do)
And you will if you're a hobo with guts
But if you can't take it as you find it,
It surely will drive you nuts.

* "Riding the blinds" meant to ride the front platform of the baggage car on a passenger train. Because baggage was piled inside, thus blocking the doors between cars, it was relatively secure place to sit.

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got to the NJ Turnpike when I lost time - lots of time – until I got past I-195. I made a more significant mistake by staying on I-95 in Maryland and northern Virginia during a Friday afternoon – a stop and go parking lot with drivers weaving in and out of traffic for a 4 to 5 hour ordeal from Baltimore to Richmond. I’m told by OHNS members who frequently travel in that area that my experience was normal on many other days of the week.

I got home in time to unload the Tahoe and then load up coin supplies for my local coin show on the next day.

I had a great time at the coin show, visiting family and friends, and traveling the country – except for I-95 from NJ to VA. I will be repeating the trip again but without using I-95 in the mid-Atlantic again. As I always plan, usually unsuccessfully, I will take more time to visit more friends next time.

We Promise – NO SPAM
By Ralph Winter & Becky Jirka

OHNS would very much appreciate knowing your email address. A number of members joined before you even had email addresses. Others of you have changed yours since joining OHNS.

Why do we want it? It’s not to send you SPAM or sell to any advertisers. We simply want it in case we need to contact you about dues renewal or make an important announcement in between BoTales issues.

Please send your current email address to our secretary Becky Jirka at beckyjiohns@yahoo.com. Be sure to include your name and member number (if you know it) in the email you send to Becky.

You Still Have Time
Want to attend an ANA Summer Seminar session next summer? If so, you may apply for a Del Romines OHNS Scholarship to one of the 2015 American Numismatic Association (ANA) Summer Seminar sessions in Colorado Springs, Colorado. You first need to have been an OHNS member for at least three years and not be in arrears on dues. Additionally, you need to submit in writing (not email) a short essay (approximately 150 words) on why you should receive a scholarship and what course you might be interested in taking. Email education@money.org or telephone 719-482-9850 for information on classes.

In addition to the essay, you need to include your name, age (if less 18 or less), mailing address, phone number, and, if you have one, your email address. Please also provide both your ANA (if applicable) and OHNS member numbers. Please mail to Bill Fivaz, PO Box 888660, Atlanta, GA 30356-0660. Applications must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2014.

After the net proceeds from the annual OHNS FUN Show Auction are made available, the board will determine the number of scholarships and notify the winners. The scholarship will pay for the tuition, room, and meals at Colorado College, and possibly some extra for travel expenses.

Please understand that being fully qualified and having successfully applied does not guarantee that you will be awarded a scholarship.

Finally, if you win a scholarship, ANA requires that you be an ANA member to attend the seminar. ANA dues are $28 a year with online delivery of The Numismatist or $46 a year with monthly mail delivery of the magazine. See www.money.org for details.

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We Hope to See You at FUN 2015
The 60th Anniversary FUN show will be January 8th-11th, 2015 at the Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Drive, Hall WD, West Concourse. OHNS will hold its Annual meeting and Auction on Saturday, January 10th. Go to the FUN website at www.funtopics.com for additional information and hotel reservations. The Hyatt Regency (formerly the Peabody), Rosen Centre, Rosen Plaza and Rosen Inn at Pointe Orlando are all within easy walking distance (or take the Trolley) and can be booked at special rates from FUN website or calling 407-833-8938.
Spreading the Word
By Kimzie Cowart, RM186

Bill Fivaz is always encouraging us to spread the word about Hobo Nickels. I found a unique way to do this. Besides collecting Hobo Nickels, I like antiquing and going to flea markets.

About a year ago, in Florida, I found a western type belt buckle that appears to be commercially made, but it does not have any identifying marks. The front is made of ten buffalo nickels-eight showing the buffalo and two showing the Indian head, one with a 1936 date. It has an overlaid stamped arrowhead. Over the arrowhead I attached a Frank Brazzell carved Hobo Nickel. I attached it using J.B. Well epoxy.

About a year later, at a flea market in North Carolina, I found a similar buckle. This one is commercially made and is marked with “The Great American Buckle Co.” copyrighted in 1986, made in America with serial number 332. It is made of thirteen Indian head nickels, ten of which show the Indian heads dated 1935, 1936, and 1937 and three showing the buffalo. To the center I attached a Frank Brazzell Hobo Nickel with a 1936 date.

I am usually wearing one of these belt buckles when I go to flea markets. I get comments like, “Your name must be Bill with all those buffaloes” or “You have more money on your belt buckle than I have in my pocket” or “Do you know where I can get a Buffalo Nickel?” which the conversation about “Have you ever seen a Hobo?” and the is usually “No”. Then off comes the belt and I show them the Hobo and give them some background history and tell them about The Original Hobo Nickel Society and about the website.

I also find the weekend coin dealers at flea markets. When asked if they have Hobo Nickels, hey reply that they have heard of them, but have never seen the or that they have never heard of them, which again opens the conversation to show one on my buckle and to tell them about OHNS and the website.

Now, pick up a pen and tell Ralph Winter how you are spreading the work. See page 3 for contact information.

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