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A VERY SPECIAL HOLIDAY GREETING TO OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS. OUR  
ERNEST HOPE IS THAT THE NEW YEAR WILL HARBOR THE WORLD IN FREEDOM,  
RESPECT, PEACE, AND PROSPERITY.

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**EDITORS NOTE:** CNA members, and other guest writers, are encouraged to submit articles for publication in our newsletter. The CNA, or your editor, does not substantiate or verify statements or data provided in these articles. At times, there may be information, dates, names, etc. that may not be absolute. Our readers are encouraged to use these articles for reference, and to further research the subject if they question any such matter. The writers may not wish to publicize their email address or telephone number, but any comments from the readers to the editor are welcome, and will be forwarded to the writer by the editor.

I have received feedback from members who would like to see more articles about paper money, tokens, bonds, proclamations, casino chips, etc. I have requested such assistance from knowledgeable sources in our CNA, but they are yet to be delivered. I will continue to concentrate and pursue these areas.

Please remember that your CNA is an associate member of LANSA (Latin America Paper Money Society), which maintains both a website AND a library. We are also members of ANA (American Numismatic Association) and ANS (American Numismatic Society). These international organizations maintain extensive libraries, and our CNA has access to their reference material. If any CNA member needs assistance obtaining documentation from any of our associate organizations, I can assist as necessary. Please note the reference websites on the face sheet of the newsletter.

**CUBAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (CNA) WILL MEET AT FUN 2006 COIN SHOW (JANUARY 5 – 8, 2006) IN THE NEWEST PART OF THE ORLANDO, FLORIDA CONVENTION CENTER (HALL NB), WHICH IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE ORIGINAL CENTER.**

The Third Annual (Second Anniversary) CNA meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2006. The Board meeting will be held at 9:30am, and the General meeting will be held at 1:00pm. The meeting room number will be posted in the FUN Activities Center.

The General meeting will be informative, enjoyable, and businesslike. An auction should provide plenty of excitement for the attendees. A member may bring 1-3 items for the auction. An auction form is provided at the end of this article, and **MUST** be submitted upon arrival at the General meeting.

Plans to present some of the auction items, in a preliminary notification, has been shelved due to lack of response. This concept would have given interested parties an “advance “look at the items to be auctioned.

The items, to be auctioned after the General meeting, will be received and marked by a CNA Board member, then placed on display for interested bidders to review. The proceeds from sales are returned 100% to the owner of the items, as well as items not sold,

The second part of the auction will be “For The Good Of The CNA”. Members are encouraged to donate an item for this session, and any proceeds will be recorded by CNA Treasurer, Bob Freeman, as donations to our Special Fund. Unsold items will be returned to the donor.

Upon entering the meeting room, attendees will also be given the opportunity to purchase tickets for door prizes. After the second auction, tickets will be drawn for approximately 10 door prizes, and 50% of the ticket sales will be the last prize. The remaining 50% of the proceeds will go to the Good of the CNA Fund. Tickets will sell for \$1.00, or 6 for \$5.00.

IF you have not attended a FUN Coin Show, this is a great opportunity to visit an awesome bourse, with over 300 tables. The FUN program also includes three days of informative lectures and

demonstrations. In addition, the Florida weather is great in January. If necessary, hotel accommodations are available by calling toll free 1 866 8493489.

**AUCTION FORM**

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Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_

| Item | Condition | Reserve Price (if applicable) | Lot# (by CNA) |
|------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1.   |           | \$                            | #             |
| 2.   |           | \$                            | #             |
| 3.   |           | \$                            | #             |

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**CUBAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (CNA) BEGINS MONTHLY MIAMI MEETINGS OCTOBER 5th.**

The Cuban Numismatic Association (CNA) plan to develop a local Chapter in the Greater Miami Area is now a reality. Four initial monthly meetings were scheduled from October, 2005 to January, 2006, however the November meeting was cancelled due to the horrific damage of Hurricane Wilma. The meetings are scheduled to be held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Municipios Cubanos en Exilio (Cuban Municipalities) Building, located at 4610 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street, from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Refreshments will be served. The Cuban Municipalities facility, located in the general vicinity of the Miami Airport, is large enough for 100 attendees, easily accessible, and has ample parking during the meeting time.

Local monthly meetings will give the opportunity to enhance the relationships among existing members, and to significantly increase membership among the many Cuban numismatists in the area. Presentations and auctions will make the meetings educational and enjoyable.

In contrast, without a local chapter, the CNA members can only attend the annual CNA meetings scheduled in conjunction with the annual Florida United Numismatists (FUN) Coin Shows, which are held in January each year. These meetings, such in Orlando, Fl. are not convenient for many members because of scheduling and/or travel distance.

The Miami Chapter has appointed Reverend Guillermo Revuelta as vice-president, Alejandro Safie as secretary, and Cesar Algazi as treasurer. They will be responsible to the CNA Board of Directors for the daily operation of the chapter, including meetings, business, membership, etc. The Miami Vice-President will also be a member of the CNA Board of Directors.

The January, 2006 Chapter meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2006. The location is 4610 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Fl. Meeting time is 7:00 to 8:30pm. In January, the Chapter will address conflicting meeting dates, since the Gold Coast Coin Club, Hollywood also meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

CNA members, who reside in the Greater Miami area are encouraged to attend these meetings. The success of the Chapter depends on the support of these members.

Arrangements for the use of the Cuban Municipalities facility were made through the goodwill and support of member Reverend Revuelta and Mr. Brito, the current President of Cuban Municipalities.

Please contact Reverend Revuelta at [Grevu50688@aol.com](mailto:Grevu50688@aol.com), or Frank Putrow at [Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com) or 727 4635097(c), if you have questions or suggestions.

## **STATUS OF CUBAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**

New Membership has slowed considerably. Please assist your CNA by encouraging Cuban Numismatists to review our website. Our websites [www.cubannumismaticassociation](http://www.cubannumismaticassociation.com) or [www.cubanumis.com](http://www.cubanumis.com) contains an aggregate list of the membership, with the exception of the members who do not want their name listed. Please review the list. If you do not see the names of your friends and associates who might be interested, you can assist our membership drive by giving them an application. An application is provided as the last sheet of this newsletter.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Current members are reminded that their 2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES are due, effective January 1, 2006. The regular annual membership fee of \$10 (\$5 Jr.) may be paid by check and mailed to Treasurer Bob Freeman at 523 N. Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL. 32301-1281. Members who reside outside of the United States, or prefer not to mail a check, may pay \$11 to PayPal, using the PayPal ID of [Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com). The extra \$1 will cover the PayPal commission. Please use the CNA membership application if any personal information has changed, such as address, email, etc., and mail it to Bob Freeman with the check. If paying by PayPal, make the appropriate notation in the REMARKS section.

IF you are not sure if you are current with your 2005 dues, please contact Frank Putrow at [Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com) or call 727 46375097 (cellular).

## **MEMBER PROFILE**

Since the membership of CNA is so diverse, and separated geographically, it may be feasibly impossible for our members to meet and get to know one another. This section will highlight a member, or members, in each newsletter, providing a brief background of the person(s), so the membership may know a little about the person(s). It will be 100% voluntary. The officers and board members will be given first opportunity to provide their background, followed by the charter, then the regular members.

## **STAN KLEIN – BOARD MEMBER**

The earliest memories of coins, other than the pennies, nickels and dimes I was given to buy treats, was a small leather bag filled with British, Polish and other European coins that was given to me by my grandfather, when I was about 5 years old. He told me stories of the “old country” especially how he earned and spent similar coins. I was enchanted. I especially enjoyed the large English Pennies that seemed to be the coin with the largest population in that bag. I played with them often but eventually I put them aside and they were forgotten along with other childhood mementos.

When I left my parents home in New York, they went with me to Boston, to college where I eventually received a degree in Music. In between college there was a road job with the Norman Luboff Choir, the United States Army and the Vietnam War and my little bag of coins was stored and forgotten along with the rest of my civilian belongings.

I spent my time in the service avoiding bullets and eventually writing and performing music and shows in the 4<sup>th</sup> Army area and also traveling with the First Armored Division Band.

Two years later I was back in Boston to finish my Degree work and then back on the road writing and playing with a group of old Army buddies. We took it quite far and played in most every State including Alaska and through this notoriety eventually became employed at Disney Productions in Los Angeles. They sent quite a few of us to Orlando, Florida to open Disney World and prepare the TV special and I became charmed by the semi-tropical scenery.

I took a trip or two to South Florida and thought it might be a nice place to settle. When I had my fill of Disney (hey, a guy named Goofy works there) I came to Miami to make my fortune (ok it wasn't a fortune, more like subsistence farming). I started a small production company and began to settle down. I was married, had a child and it was time to unpack. Ah, the bag of coins, it was in the bottom of a box. I was enchanted again.

I became determined to learn something about these relics and as I did, I became more drawn in, more fascinated, uncontrollably obsessed. Then I did the most dangerous thing one can do in this state of mind. I bought my first coin, a Morgan Dollar, and then another, until I had a box of these coins. Those who foolishly give in to this craving have no choice but to get into the coin business.

I apprenticed with Arthur Smith, of the then famous Smith & Sons. It was trial by fire as the coin market was hot (1980) and gold was trading at record levels. Smith was a Latin American expert and I learned a great deal about Cuban coins and Spanish Colonial coins at his side. After five years, I left Smith and became manager of South Miami Rare Coins, the retail arm of Numismatic Investments of Florida, dealers in high-powered U.S. rarities. I worked major auctions in the U.S. and then in England. Nine years later I was in business for myself as a numismatic consultant, also picking up computer skills in programming, first for me and then for others.

As part of my own community outreach, I give seminars in public schools and in other community venues about various numismatic subjects. My audience ranges in age from about six years old to about ninety. I also have been doing a raggedly scheduled radio show about coins with Steven J. Gray, in South Florida, for the last 12 years.

I recently received my 25 year pin from the American Numismatic Association and I am a long time member of the American Numismatic Society, Central States Numismatic Association, Florida United Numismatists, Numismatic International, The Numismatic Literary Guild, The International Bank Note Society, The Love Token Society, The Gulf Coast Coin Club, The Fort Lauderdale Coin Club and I am also a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society in London.

Editors Note: Stan is also the webmaster of our CNA.

**TROUBLE GETTING THE CURRENT NEWSLETTER ??**  
**TROUBLE BROWSING OUR CNA WEBSITE ??**

A number of members have reported that they are having “problems” receiving the quarterly CNA newsletter on the internet. Other members have reported problems getting newly added information on the CNA website.

Our webmaster, Stan Klein, needs the specific details of ANY problems that you might be having in these categories. PLEASE email your editor at [Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com) the specific problems you may be having at this time. I will condense and submit the problems to Stan for resolution.

In the meantime, here are some helpful hints that may improve any problems you may have.

1. A problem is that some ISP providers, such as AOL, retain the Pages of Websites on your computer in the internet cache, to speed up transmission. If you are an AOL subscriber, “REFRESH” your explorer connection by hitting “F5” key while you are on the page that does not appear to be current. Make sure that you are using the latest version of AOL, which is 9.0
2. Install Adobe Acrobat, including Adobe Reader 7.0. It is a free download, and available at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

**CUBAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (CNA) CENSUS**

In the July #3-05 Newsletter, we reported that we would attempt to quantify the amount of Cuban 1897-98 and First Republic coins in the possession of CNA members. We realized that this is ultra-private information and membership normally would hold this information very close to their breast.

Your editor would be the only person to receive and read this information, and vowed that the information will be destroyed once the quantities are entered into the master listing. The names of the owners **WILL NOT** be recorded, and will remain anonymous.

The quantities and grading of this population would have given the CNA membership some idea of the quantities in the “marketplace” in contrast to the original mintage, reported by the US Philadelphia Mint.

It is reported that as many as 85-90% of the Cuban Silver Pesos (1915-1939) may have been melted down by the Cuban Government and/or individuals when the price of silver rose. It has also been perceived that many of the 1915-16 Gold Pesos may have been melted and/or used in jewelry.

**RESULTS**

**Only 5 members provided input, and the census was unsuccessful. The information collected is as follows:**

| <b>TYPE</b>       | <b>KM#</b> | <b>Proof</b> | <b>G-AU</b> | <b>MS60-62</b> | <b>MS63</b> | <b>MS64</b> | <b>MS65</b> |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1915 Star HR Peso | 15.1       | 1            | 8           | 1              |             | 1           |             |
| 1915 Star LR Peso | 15.2       |              | 6           | 1              |             |             |             |
| 1916 Star Peso    | 15.2       |              | 9           | 1              |             | 1           |             |
| 1932 Star Peso    | 15.2       |              | 12          | 11             | 1           |             |             |
| 1933 Star Peso    | 15.2       |              | 3           | 13             | 2           |             |             |
| 1934 Star Peso    | 15.2       |              | 1           | 3              |             | 1           |             |
| 1934 ABC Peso     | 22         |              | 4           | 14             | 5           | 1           |             |

|                         |    |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1935 ABC Peso           | 22 |   | 3 | 3 | 1 |   |
| 1936 ABC Peso           | 22 |   | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |
| 1937 ABC Peso           | 22 |   | 1 |   |   | 1 |
| 1938 ABC Peso           | 22 |   | 2 | 1 | 1 |   |
| 1939 ABC Peso           | 22 |   | 4 |   | 1 |   |
| 1953 Marti Peso         | 29 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 2 |
| 1897 Souvenir           | M1 |   | 4 |   |   |   |
| 1897 Souvenir           | M2 |   | 2 |   |   | 1 |
| 1897 Souvenir           | M3 |   |   |   | 1 |   |
| 1898 Peso               | 8  |   | 1 |   |   |   |
| 1915 Marti Gold<br>Peso | 16 | 1 |   |   |   |   |
| 1916 Marti Gold<br>Peso | 16 | 1 | 2 | 1 |   |   |
| 1915 Marti Gold 2P      | 17 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |
| 1916 Marti Gold 2P      | 17 |   | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| 1915 Marti Gold 4P      | 18 |   |   | 2 |   |   |
| 1916 Marti Gold 4P      | 18 |   | 1 | 2 |   | 1 |
| 1915 Marti Gold 5P      | 19 |   | 5 | 2 |   | 1 |
| 1916 Marti Gold 5P      | 19 |   | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 1915 Marti Gold<br>10P  | 20 |   | 1 | 2 |   |   |
| 1916 Marti Gold<br>10P  | 20 |   | 3 | 5 |   | 1 |
| 1915 Marti Gold<br>20P  | 21 |   | 1 | 2 |   |   |
| 1916 Marti Gold<br>20P  | 21 |   |   |   |   |   |

## THE FIRST CIRCULATING CURRENCIES, by G.P. Guillermo Triana Aquiar, who is a Cuban citizen, and lives in Habana.

Note: The editor made minor changes, but other wording remains disconcerted due to the translation.

Jose Marti of years 1915 and 1916. Series of the Radiating Star.

Until the year 1915, the Spanish and North American currencies circulated in Cuba. In a smaller scale, French currency was also in circulation. The Monetary Law of October 29, 1914, established the minting of national currency on the basis of the arranged thing in the chapter Third of the Law of Economic Defense. The own Law established that the gold currencies would take in the obverse the effigies of Jose Marti watching to the right, and bordering the head of Marti, of left to right, the legend Mother country and Freedom, with the denominations of 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 and 20 pesos. In reverse, the Cuban national shield, in the part superior and of left to right the inscription Republic of Cuba, and in the inferior part, the value of the piece. In fact, the Law created the currencies of exactly equal gold to the North American currencies since they had the same weight, size, metallic content, and value. In this Law, Spanish currencies were retired, and the use of the North American currency was ratified to which it granted to legal course and force to him libertoria. In the case of the currencies of silver and nickel, they would take in its obverse

a Radiating Star of 5 ends and the legend Mother country and Freedom. The same star of the Cuban flag and the shield, but had a small difference with the North Americans. Instead of adopting the divisions of 0.50 and 0.25, the Cubans were of 0.40 and 0.20. This do so that the new currency of 0.20 complied to the custom of the use of the Spanish peseta, whose equivalence was at the time approximately of 20 cents, of comes there that the Cuban currency of twenty cents is also known popularly like "peseta". At the same time, the pieces of 10 cents in silver and those of 1 were coined, 2 and 5 cents in receive-nickel, with equal lengths and stars, but with denominations of I, II, and V, in introduced Roman numbers in a circle with a star. The currencies previously referred coined in the years 1915 and 1916 in the House of Currency of Filadelfia, the United States of America. The first coined Cuban currency in the Mint of Filadelfia was the one of 10 cents, of silver, fact that happened March 9, 1915. Those of nickel were coined in all the denominations before indicated, March 13, 1915. The first coined gold currency was the one of 5 peso on March 26, 1915.

These designs of Charles Barber, recorded Head of this House, and the currencies began to circulate in all national territories from 1915.

### **ANOTHER VIEW OF THE MONETARY CONVERSION AFTER THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR.**

**This consensus was obtained from a website, maintained by a Cuban Stock and Bond broker.**

Cuba was a Spanish colony, and was part of the Spanish West Indies when Spain ceded colonial authority to the United States on January 1, 1899. The Republic of Cuba was declared on May 20, 1902. Fidel Castro seized power from Batista on January 1, 1959

Until the 19th Century, credit functions in Cuba, under Spanish domain, were performed by merchants who provided unsecured credit to sugar, coffee, and other producers. Between the early and mid-1800's, however a number of single purpose establishments appeared in Cuba. The first bank established was the Banco de Fernando VIII, established in 1832, and which lasted ten years. As befitting a Spanish colony, these banks were founded by Spaniards, as opposed to the "criollos" born in Cuba.

In 1842, the "Caja de Ahorros" was established, followed, in 1854, by the "Caja Real de Descuentos," which in 1856, became the "Banco Español de La Habana." On May 1, 1857, the "Banco de Cuba" was founded in Santiago de Cuba, after which a number of banking institutions were established. In 1859 there were 15 financial institutions on the island with a capital of US \$22.4 million.

By 1863 Cuba had developed various other credit institutions, such as the "Caja Agrícola de Cárdenas," "Banco Agrícola e Industrial," "Caja Mercantil de Matanzas," "Crédito Industrial y Mercantil de Pinar del Rio," and "Banco Mercantil de Santiago de Cuba." The list of financial institutions continued to grow, slowly but continuously. The banking development ground to a standstill during the banking crisis of 1866, aggravated by the total lack of credit regulations and the inexperience of the bank managers. The only survivor was the "Banco Español de la Isla de Cuba."

During the revolutionary periods, the Ten-Year War and the War of Independence, the banking system remained stagnant, and it was not until the end of Spanish rule in 1898, that the Cuban Banking system began its resurgence. Although the two most important banks were the "Banco de la Isla de Cuba" and the "Banco del Comercio," several other banking houses, such as Gelats y Cía., Upmann, Zaldo and Simón y Cortés had been established and began to flourish. Most merchant banks operated in the British Merchant Bank fashion, most of them created by Germán and English immigrants. They later evolved into regular commercial banks. Zaldo would eventually become "Banco de la Habana" and later still, the First National Bank of New York.

Spanish Peseta (ESP) circulated while Cuba was a Spanish colony. In 1881, the Cuban Peso (CUP), was adopted as the unit of exchange and was linked to the US Dollar at par. The Peso was divided into 100 Centesimos until 1899 and 100 Centavos after 1899. United States Dollars (USD) were legal tender in Cuba between 1899 and June 30, 1951. Cuba left the Gold Standard on November 21, 1933. On October 18, 1960, Cuba switched from the Dollar area to the Ruble area. Dollars have been allowed to circulate since 1994, and Dollar Foreign Exchange Certificates (CUX) are also used.

Under Spanish administration, banknotes were issued by El Banco Espanol de la Habana between 1857 and 1891, by El Tesoro de la Isla de Cuba between 1891 and 1896, by the Banco Espanol de la Isla de Cuba between 1896 and 1899, by the government between 1934 and 1949, and by the Banco Nacional de Cuba beginning in April 1950.

**IMPROPERLY CLEANED, ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE, PVC RESIDUE????  
What do these terms really mean? Now, NCS (NGC) gives us definitions.**

**IMPROPERLY CLEANED**

When a coin has been improperly cleaned through a mechanical or sometimes chemical means, it will show ill-effects and be deemed “improperly cleaned”. Most often, an improperly cleaned coin will exhibit excessive hairlines often in distinct patterns or just in one particular area. Cleaning that will cause these kind of marks can actually move or remove surface metal from the coin. The removal of metal is something that professional conservation will not be able to restore. A coin exhibiting the signs of an improper cleaning is not eligible for certification by a major grading company such as NGC.

On occasion, a coin will exhibit die polishing marks, which upon initial examination, may appear to be patterned hairlines of an improper cleaning, but are not. Die polishing lines will typically occur only on the fields of a coin and stop on devices or legends. Die polish lines, as opposed to scratches or hairlines, are raised markings on the coin.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE**

When a coin has been improperly stored for some period of time, environmental conditions of extreme humidity or temperature may harm a coin’s surface. The coin’s surface will begin to chemically change and the resulting look will cause a coin to not grade with a major grading service such as NGC. Silver and copper are more susceptible to environmental damage, while gold is nearly impervious to the ill-effects of improper storage. Coins that have been buried in the ground, lost under water, or subjected to hot fires can become environmentally damaged. Coins stored in or near chemically reactive items such as PVC-laden coin holders or those containing biologic compounds can become environmentally damaged with the right mix of moisture and temperature.

**PVC RESIDUE**

One of the most common and destructive residues encountered on a coin is the plasticizer PVC. The chemical, PVC, makes plastic softer and more pliable and is frequently added to the make up of popular coin holders, such as flips. The problem with PVCX is that under certain environmental conditions and through the effects of time, the plasticizer will come out of the plastic and collect on the surface of the coin inside the PVC-laden holder. If this residue is allowed to sit on the surface and fester long enough, it will eat into the surface of the coin resulting in a certain type of environmental damage known as PVC etching. Even for new coins, PVC can be bad news.

To combat the ill-effects of PVC, both NCS and NGC recommend storing your coins in what is referred to as “hard” flips. Hard flips are those that have not been treated with the plasticizer PVC and have a harder, more brittle texture than do the “soft” flips that have PVC added to their make up. Flips are intended as a short-term storage option. When selecting a flip for short-time storage, such as those used to submit your coins for professional conservation and grading, choose those with a stiff feel that are free of dangerous plasticizer residues. Even very short periods of storage, such as the time for a package to be delivered through registered mail, can have a negative impact.

## OTHER NEWS

The Cuban Philatelic (Stamp) Society of America (CPSA) is active and many of our CNA members also belong to this distinguished organization. For more information, visit the website [www.philat.com/cpsa](http://www.philat.com/cpsa) . The editor of the Cuban Philatelist, and President of the Society is Dr. Yamil H. Kouri ([yhkouri@masmed.org](mailto:yhkouri@masmed.org)). Another website, maintained by fellow CNA member Ignacio Ortiz-Bello, provides additional philatelic information. See [www.mimecanicapopular.com/filatelia.php](http://www.mimecanicapopular.com/filatelia.php)

The Cuban Numismatic Association has received a quote from Silvertowne Mint to manufacture 1 troy ounce .999 silver coins to commemorate our Association founding on January 9, 2004. The quote included the one-time die charges (\$300-\$800), current \$7-8 silver price per ounce, \$2.50 each fabrication charge, and \$.75 each capsulation charge. Estimating that the die charge will be \$300, and 150 will be ordered, the individual cost would be \$12.25 each. The sale price to membership would probably be \$20 each, with the balance going into the CNA Good for the Club Fund. These coins would be unique and collectors items.

The decision to proceed with this project depends on the feedback from the CNA membership. The design of the coin is open to suggestions from membership, but the initial design is perceived as follows:

Reverse – Cuban crest, in either shaded or dark contrast.

Obverse- Cuban Numismatic Association in a circular design around the face of the coin, with “Founded 01-09-04” in the center of the coin.

Suggestions are appreciated. Depending on feedback, the Board of Directors will discuss this project at the January, 2006 Board meeting.

The specific plans to develop/enhance Foreign population reports by the major three Certifiers are still not public knowledge.

PCGS – Status Quo! At this time, PCGS maintains that their population report is current on their website.

NGC – David W. Lange acknowledges that the listing of some certified Cuban coins, specifically Modern certified coins, is under review and will take some time to be listed. One may follow the progress of the review by reading the “New Coins on the Pop” section of the hardcopy Census report, which will be published quarterly starting January, 2006.

Amy T. Lorenzo also reports that the NGC World Registry is still under construction, and one can use the new “Signature sets” option to register Cuban coins

ANACS – Wes Jacobs reports that a population report has been sent to the printer, but it does not include Foreign at this time. That is scheduled to be his next project.

### DID YOU KNOW??

The basis for three words commonly found in Numismatic reference material.

PRUEBA – Derived from Spanish word for TEST.

ESSAI – Derived from French word for EXPERIMENT or TRIAL.

PATTERN – Derived from English word for PRELIMINARY DESIGN.

## WANT ADS

NOTE: Please advise editor if items below are to removed or modified.

### For Sale

1. Cuban items for sale. Check out the website of Joseph and Patricia Espinosa at <http://cgi6.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?viewSellersOtherItems&include=0&userid=cubanitems&rows=50&since=-1&rd=1>  
Copy and paste the above two lines into destination., then GO.
2. Cuban certified “pre revolution centavos and pesos. Contact Frank Putrow at [Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com) or 727 5317337.
3. Cuban Pacification Medal, US Army, Service Bronze Medal “1906-1909”. Both medal and ribbon are in excellent condition. The obverse has the Cuban shield flanked by two soldiers at an “at ease” position. Asking \$149.00, plus \$3.50 for shipping. Also have many other “condecoration” items for sale, including Military decorations, medals of honor, etc. Contact Rudy Valentin at [Numisrev@msn.com](mailto:Numisrev@msn.com)
4. Cuban stocks and bonds. Also buy. Contact Lawrence Falater at 1 888 FALATER or 517 4378977; FAX 517 4378978. Address is PO 81, Allen, MI. 49227.
5. Cuban VF – AU centavos (1c to 40c) for sale. 75% of Krause list. Many to choose from. Guaranteed satisfaction. Contact Jesus Inguanzo at [Guardafango@yahoo.com](mailto:Guardafango@yahoo.com) or 305 2237200.
6. Cuba Bank Notes, including 1869 Junta Central Republicana de Cuba y Puerto Rico, 1869 Bond, 1896/97Centavos and Pesos Banco Espanol de la Isla de Cuba, 1949-1960 Pesos (1-50), 1961-2004 Pesos (1-20), 1983 3 Peso, and 1985 Foreign Exchange Certificates (Series A-D). Contact Patricia Espinosa at [Cuba@cubabanknotes.com](mailto:Cuba@cubabanknotes.com)
7. Cuba Prisoner of War Medal Bay of Pigs Liberation Medal. Individually serially numbered. View at [www.exonumia.com/fs/cuba/htm](http://www.exonumia.com/fs/cuba/htm)
8. Cuba and World Coins. Order your free list at [cidcorreo@msn.com](mailto:cidcorreo@msn.com) or call 305 9756114 (weekends). J. Crespo CNA #54.
9. Cuban Collectibles N Things. <http://stores.ebay.com/cubancollectiblesnthings>  
Free S&H to all CNA members. Sarita
10. Virtual Coin Cabinet II, coin software. Create classy catalogs, professional labels, and up-to-date want lists. The most desirable function of this software is the creation of customized inserts for mylar coin flips. For more information, contact Data Ex Machina at [www.dataxm.com](http://www.dataxm.com). No phone calls Please.
11. Old Cuban bottles. Seven beer bottles, recovered from the bottom of the ocean 45 years ago, probably dated early 1900’s. Also, a Cuban Pepsi and a rare Coke bottle, dated in the 1950’s. Gorgeous colors. Contact Charles Franz at [chuckfranz@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckfranz@yahoo.com)
11. Hundreds of Numismatic (American and Foreign) Books, featuring selections from the library of Clarence Rareshide, are currently for sale. See [www.lakebooks.com/current/html](http://www.lakebooks.com/current/html) or contact Fred Lake for a listing at 727 3438055.
12. Latin American Bank Note Records. Catalogue of Latin American banknotes produced by the American Bank Note Company for 20 Latin American

countries, including Cuba. Over 2000 banknotes are listed from 272 banks and government issuing authorities. This 210 page catalogue is an essential reference for any collector or historian of paper money. Price is \$42, plus \$5 S&H.

Contact Ricardo M. Magan, tel #508 8806188 or [Sally1904@comcast.net](mailto:Sally1904@comcast.net).

13. Cuban 1920LR 40c NGC MS63. Beautiful BU rare coin. List price is \$2000. Will sell for \$1500. Contact Juan Pena at 305 5519445.

### Wanted

1. Best prices paid for all Cuban Casino Chips. Email Dr. Luis A. Alvarez at [Tecnamar@aol.com](mailto:Tecnamar@aol.com) or 407 8768956.
2. 1937 ABC Peso in VF condition. Contact Tom Pickett at [tepickett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tepickett@sbcglobal.net)
3. Modest collector desires Cuban coins with ships highlighted on obverse. Contact Bob Freeman at [rafre5@hotmail.com](mailto:rafre5@hotmail.com)
4. Cuban 1932 20 centavo in BU (MS63) or better condition. Contact Juan Pena at 305 5519445.
5. Old Cuban bank checks, bills of exchange and similar 1950's revolutionary movements bonos, rarer banknotes, and post 1960 Cuban postage stamps with a political content. Contact Owain Gruffydd at [Ogruffydd@hotmail.com](mailto:Ogruffydd@hotmail.com) or address at 58 Kimberly Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4QU, England.
6. Cuban UNC P83, 1959 Series 500 pesos note. Contact Walter Bradford at [Waltana02@msn.com](mailto:Waltana02@msn.com)
7. Cuban Souvenir Pat.97 dies numbers 4E/2c and 4G/2C. [Cidcorreo@msn.com](mailto:Cidcorreo@msn.com) or call 305 9756114 (weekends).
8. Cuban coins, and coins from other countries as well. Will exchange with my surplus Cuban coins and currency, or will buy at fair prices. Contact Jorge Rodriguez at [Toquen415@aol.com](mailto:Toquen415@aol.com). If possible, please address email in Spanish.

### For Trade

1. Trade your UNC. Cuban 1898 peso, 1877 Cuban Pattern, or rare early Cuban silver coins for my Cuban doubles, including proofs. Contact Carl at [Carlme@earthlink.net](mailto:Carlme@earthlink.net) or 282 6279443.
2. Castro era banknotes, blocks, replacements, and errors. Contact Robert Azpiazu at [Fstctycurr@aug.com](mailto:Fstctycurr@aug.com), or mail PO Box 1629, St. Augustine, FL. 32085.

### Other

1. Selling and buying all Cuban coins, medals and tokens. George Manz Coins, [www.georgemanzcoins.com](http://www.georgemanzcoins.com) or email [George@georgemanzcoins.com](mailto:George@georgemanzcoins.com) in Regina, Canada. Telephone 306 3522337.
2. BOOK NOW AVAILABLE. Cobs, Pieces of Eight and Treasure Coins: The Early Spanish-American Mints and their Coinages 1536-1773. Written by CNA member Sewall Menzel. Hardback \$125. Contact David Brown Book Company at 800 7919354.
3. Colin Bruce II, CNA member, is looking for reference information on Cuban Military Medals, including Modern issues. Contact Colin at [Colin.Bruce@fwpubs.com](mailto:Colin.Bruce@fwpubs.com)

# CUBAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION for MEMBERSHIP

[www.cubannumismaticassociation.com](http://www.cubannumismaticassociation.com) or [www.cubanumis.com](http://www.cubanumis.com)

## Background:

The Cuban Numismatic Association was founded on January 9, 2004 at the 2004 FUN Coin Show. It encompasses all Cuban coins, currency, medals, tokens, bonds, casino chips, and all other items of private issue. The goal of the Association is to encourage, promote and dispense Cuban numismatic knowledge, culture, education, and fraternal relations among the numismatic community.

A quarterly newsletter is issued to all members. The newsletter includes general information, tutorial topics, and a limited classified ad section. During the first few years of development, annual meetings will be held in conjunction with the January Florida United Numismatists, Inc. (FUN) Coin Show.

Regular Membership is \$10.00 per year person. Junior Membership (17 years of age or younger) is \$5.00 per year per person.

NOTE: Charter membership enrollment period ended June 30, 2004.

## 2005 Officers:

Frank Putrow – President, Email ([Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com)), Telephone #727 5317337.

Andres Rodriquez – Vice President

Secretary – Marysol Cayado

Treasurer – Robert Freeman

Board of Directors – Enrique Cayado, Richard Becker, Larry Casey, Stan Klein, and Emilio M. Ortiz.

Please detach below after completing the application. Mail to Robert Freeman, 523 Meridian St., Tallahassee, Fl., 32301-1281. Checks should be made out to Cuban Numismatic Association. Please direct any questions to Frank Putrow ([Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com)), or 727 5317337.

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## Cuban Numismatic Association Membership Application

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: Regular ( ) Junior ( )

Brief Description of Collectible Interests \_\_\_\_\_

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The Cuban Numismatic Association normally lists the name and email address of each member on our website. Please indicate if this is acceptable to you. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_