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FOR OUR SPANISH SPEAKING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

## **SALUDOS SOCIOS Y AMIGOS NUMISMATICOS**

**Bienvenidos a nuestra Asociación Numismática Cubana. Esta es nuestra primera comunicación en el idioma Español para beneficio de nuestros visitantes y socios de habla hispana, y aquellos de habla inglesa que deseen practicar su español. Nuestra Asociación esta formada por numismáticos de todas partes del mundo que tienen el interés común de estudiar, coleccionar, y compartir conocimientos y amistad con otros sobre la Numismática de la Isla de Cuba. La asociación está afiliada con American Numismatic Association (ANA), American Numismatic Society (ANS), Latin American Paper Money Society (LANSA) y Florida United Numismatists (FUN).**

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**Por favor envíen sus ideas, preguntas y comentarios a Frank Putrow, (Presidente)**

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**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CNA MEETING, HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FLORIDA UNITED NUMISMATISTS (FUN) COIN SHOW HELD IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA AT THE ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER.**

**COIN SHOW – JANUARY 7-10, 2010.**

**ANNUAL CNA MEETING – SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm, Room N220B.**

**Attending members are encouraged to consider nomination for the following positions that are up for re-election: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 4 directors. If you are interested, please contact Frank Putrow at 7275317337 or [Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com), and he will provide you with the job responsibilities, or put you in contact with the incumbent.**

**Any organization needs fresh leadership to grow and prosper. Please consider this opportunity.**

**The agenda for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual CNA meeting will be Old/New Business, Elections, Door Prizes, and Auction.**

**The CNA will have a table in the bourse. It is #0457. We will have handouts, membership forms, etc. We will also have the recently released Cuban Type Set Books for sale. CNA new members and existing members cost are \$10 each (cash and carry), while non-members are \$17 each (cash and carry). There is a limit of two at the \$10 price. Membership dues remain \$10 per year, while Young Numismatists (YN) are free if age 17 or younger. Stop by and say "HELLO".**

**This year, FUN will have numerous seminars/presentations on COUNTERFEITING. These will be at no cost, but seating is limited. As you have heard and read, many counterfeit coins, American and Foreign, are showing up in the marketplace. The FUN also reports that there are a record number of tables in the bourse this year. Also, Heritage Auctions will produce another great auction, with thousands of rare coins. FUN for all!!!**

**FREE TRANSPORTATION (FUN buses) is available for attendees from the Orlando Convention Center to/from most of the nearby hotels. They generally run until about 7:30pm to accommodate the Heritage late auctions. Contact FUN or your hotel for specific times.**

**PLEASE REMIT YOUR 2009 and 2010 CNA MEMBERSHIP DUES.**

Regular membership is \$10 per year; Junior membership (17 years of age or younger) is FREE. Payments/applications should be mailed to our CNA 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, along with an extra dollar 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 2009 dues, please contact Frank Putrow at [Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com) or call 727 5317337.

NOTE: The CNA Cuban TYPE SET BOOK 1915-1958 (referenced in this newsletter) is available for a special price to paid-up CNA members.

If you are current with your dues –THANK YOU!!

DUES to the Association can be deducted on your 1040 tax form in certain circumstances. CNA members, who pay dues and receive the newsletter by email, are considered members making charitable donations to the club, and the Association dues are deductible on their 1040 tax form. Those members, who pay dues, but request that newsletters be mailed to them, should assume they get value for their donations and therefore should not consider Association dues as deductible charitable donations.

**IF YOU ARE CURRENT WITH YOUR CNA DUES, AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR NEW LAMINATED MEMBERSHIP CARD, AND/OR YOUR "WOODEN" 5 CENTAVO NICKEL, PLEASE CONTACT FRANK PUTROW AT THE ABOVE INFORMATION.**

**THE PLAN TO SPONSOR interested numismatists on the island of Cuba has been cancelled due to the lack of input regarding the Cuban numismatists.**

Those who have donated funds for this plan will be reimbursed.

## **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 were first to provide their background, followed by the charter members, then the regular members.

The CNA is privileged to have members of various ethnic, economic, political, and educational backgrounds. Among the mix are: business executives, lawyers, medical doctors, and PhD's in religion, education, science, and government. The core of the CNA remains the "average" person, with numismatic interests, but it is interesting to know that such a variety of collectors are on our membership rolls, such as:

### **Richard Schemitsch Charter Member #36**

I started collecting coins at a very early age; about 8 years old. I used to rummage around in my dad's top drawer that was full of all kinds of keepsakes, including US coins. They used to capture my imagination of a different time; the Great Depression, what the buffalo nickel might have bought, 1800's Morgans (did cowboys carry such a large coin with them on horseback?), and Mercury dimes. The dimes were so neat, that I just wanted to carry one around with me.

One time, my dad and I were at a flea market and there was the only coin dealer within 30 miles. I begged to go back every weekend even if it was just to look at the amazing collection. My collecting started with wheat pennies and grew from there, mostly given to me by my grandparents, one coin at a time, because spending even 50 cents was a lot for us in 1970.

Later, surfing, skateboarding and girls became more interesting. I moved on to Tampa for college and sold my first collection to a pawnshop in order to pay car insurance in 1983. Wow, was that ever a mistake!

When my business started to become successful (1992), I set out to build back my collection. It was like a shotgun blast. I collected anything with no rhyme, reason or goal. Then, I stumbled across a Cuban coin. I was amazed. I never even realized that Cuba even had their own coins.

My name is Schemitsch, a German/Lithuanian/Romanian mix. The name comes from way back on my father's side, but my mother was 100% Cuban. That Cuban coin sent me into a study and a pride of my deepest heritage. Y ahoy yo toda via hablo y enteinde el Espanol. My family in Cuba, at one time, was very well off until Batista took everything. My grandmother, my mother and her sister left Cuba alone and with just their clothes. The men all died or disappeared. The three women went to Chicago, and that is where my mother and father met and married. Times were so tough that both had to work two jobs, leaving me for my first 6 years to my grandmother to raise me. My abuelita, "Lita" only spoke Spanish, so in Merritt Island, FL, I failed first grade because I knew so little English.

I quickly adapted. For a very long time, I never claimed to be Cuban. Until recently I did not reflect too much about my heritage. It was more about the collecting. I love Cuban coins, paper money, Revolution artifacts and Cuban history. I still collect US coins, but I am defiantly more passionate about the Cuban stuff. My collection is broad. I hoard 1916 10 centavos and 1915 20 centavos, and collect all the rest of the coins. I love to find oddities. I also have a large paper money collection, trying for one of every date and kind.

One day I plan to visit Cuba. My mother wanted me to take her, but not until after Castro, and not until fully allowed for US visitors. She was very afraid to go back. She has since passed away. I will not go out of respect and honor for her. When I finally go, I wish to vacation, help the churches, help the people, explore, surf, scuba and visit the areas of my ancestors.

My mother was able to bring with her two more things, other than her clothes. She brought a 1934 peso and a Marti cent that will never be part of my collection, but rather a part of my heart. One day I will visit Cuba, but for now I hold on to that dream.

**QUIZ: Who was the Cuban dictator overthrown by the rightist political group, commonly referred to as the “ABC” group?**

**Answer found on page 6.**

**FROM THE KITCHEN**

**Papas" ( Cuban Style Beef Stew )**



**Ingredients:**

- 2 lbs beef
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1 tbs paprika
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 medium onion
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 green pepper
- 1 can tomato sauce
- 1 cup dry wine
- 1 cup water
- 2 lbs potatoes
- 1 cup capers

**PREPARATION:**

Cut the meat into small cubes and brown lightly in hot oil. Add the salt, paprika, pepper, bay leaf, diced onion, crushed garlic and diced green pepper. When the meat begins to brown, pour in the tomato sauce, wine and water. When meat is half cooked, add diced potatoes and the cappers. Allow to cook until meat and potatoes are tender. If necessary, a little more water or wine may be added.

**ENJOY!!**

**NEW YEARS EVE IS A SPECIAL TIME FOR MANY LATINOS, AS THEY CELEBRATE “LA NOCHE BUENO” WITH THEIR FAMILIES. THE CORE MENU IS NORMALLY ROAST PORK, BLACK BEANS, AND RICE. See CNA Newsletter 1-08/17 for a recipe for Roast Pork – Cuban Style.**

## **ANSWER TO QUIZ ON PAGE 5:**

**Dictator General Gerardo Machado y Morales, elected as the 5<sup>th</sup> President of Cuba in 1924, was overthrown by the Cuban Army in August 1933. Machado was born in 1871 and was one of the youngest generals (Brig) in the War of Independence (1895-1898). Initially, he was loved by the Cubans, but the students and professionals later revolted against him. The US sent an Ambassador to mediate the issues to no avail, and he was removed in 1933. His successor was Carlos Manuel de Cespedes. Machado died in Miami Beach in 1939.**

## **REVOLUTIONAY SOUVENIR**

### **Silver “peso” backs liberation.**

This is a reprint from Coin World, November 15, 2009. Written by Gerald Tebben, editor of the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch.

Can you name a silver piece minted in Philadelphia in 1897 that has the designers initial M on the reverse, and not on the obverse?

It's not the Morgan dollar. The Morgan dollar has a tiny M for US Mint engraver George Morgan at the base of the bust and in the bow on the reverse. The M doesn't stand for Morgan, and the “mint” that struck the piece usually produced railroad parts.

The 1897 Cuban souvenir peso is an extraordinary item. Issued by Cuban revolutionaries, it is at once a statement of national aspiration, a way to raise funds for the liberation effort and a unit of exchange.

The piece, which shows a personification of Liberty on the obverse, was designed by Philip Martiny. He placed a tiny M on the peso's reverse.

The first hundred pieces were struck at Dunn Air-Brake Co. For decades, the “Mint's” location has been described as the southeast corner of 19<sup>th</sup> and Spring Streets. However, the two streets don't intersect. If they did, they would intersect in the middle of Swann Fountain in Logan Square. A more likely location for the plant was 19<sup>th</sup> and Spring Garden Streets.

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, much of the city's Cuban population lived in the Spring Garden neighborhood. The city's Spanish Chapel is just a few doors from the intersection of 19<sup>th</sup> and Spring Garden Streets.

The piece was the brainchild of Andrew J. Cobe, a New York investment banker, who proposed a “souvenir of about the same size, weight, and fineness of the Columbian half dollar” that would be sold for \$1 apiece to raise funds for the revolution.

On May 11, 1897, a contract was signed with Gorham Manufacturing, but the silver company was not immediately able to produce the pieces. Dunn, using planchets and dies provided by Gorham, struck the first 828 pieces in July. These pieces are distinguished by a widely spaced date and command a considerable premium.

In August, Gorham struck an additional 9,142 pieces at its Providence, RI. mint.

The United States declared war on Spain after the battleship Maine exploded in Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898, and liberated Cuba in August.

The 1897 pieces have no statement of denomination and bear the legend SOUVENIR to avoid possible counterfeiting charges. In 1898, the Cuban liberation movement contracted with Gorman for an additional 1,000 pieces. These give the denomination as “un peso.”

Today, Uncirculated 1897 Dunn pieces retail for about \$2,500, Gorham 1897 pieces start about \$300 and 1898 pesos fetch \$3,500.

In 1902, when Cuba formally gained independence, all 1897 pieces were accepted as legal tender.

**EDITORS NOTE:** The CNA has published previous articles about the 1897 and 1898 Souvenir Peso. Considered to be the most documented is an article by CNA Director Emilio M. Ortiz. His article can be found in CNA Newsletter 2-04 (July 2004), pages 6-10.

**NEXT PAGE: REPLICA OF CUBAN INDEPENDENCE WAR PAMPHLET.**

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**RECENT AUCTION RESULTS OF CUBAN COINS AND PAPER  
BOWERS AND MERINA Auctions of 4-9-09, 4-25-09, and 8-8-09.**

# Includes Buyers Premium.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>\$ SOLD FOR #</b>
1897 Souvenir Type 1	NGC AU55	1,150
1897 Souvenir Type 1	ICG AU58	863
1897 Souvenir Type 1	AU Cleaned	1,035
1897 Souvenir Type 2 & 3	EF/AU	374
1898 Peso	PCGS AU53	1,357
1898 Peso	UNC Cleaned	1,495
1898 Peso	EF Polished	805
1920 1C	NGC MS63	81
1958 1C Error struck on Cuba 1C planchet	ANACS MS64	891
1916 2C	NGC MS63	115
1870 10C Pattern (X2A)	NGC PF63BN	1,208
1920 10C	NGC MS63	311
1915 40C	NGC MS64	748
1915 Peso	PCGS PF64	2,530
1915HR Peso	NGC MS62	368
1915 HR Peso	AU	299
1934 ABC Peso	NGC MS63	299
1934 ABC Peso	ANACS MS64	259
1935 ABC Peso	NGC MS63	201
1915 P Gold	PCGS MS67	920
1915 P Gold	PCGS MS65	546
1915 P Gold	AU	253
1915 2P Gold	NGC MS64	489
1916 2P Gold	NGC MS64	403
1916 2P Gold	NGC MS63	207
1916 2P Gold	NGC MS61	173
1916 2P Gold	NGC AU58	138
1916 4P Gold	NGC MS64	633
1916 4P Gold	AU 55	288
1915 5P Gold	PCGS MS63	299
1915 5 P Gold	NGC MS63	299
1915 5P Gold	PCGS MS62	282
1916 5P Gold	NGC MS64	460
1916 5P Gold	NGC MS62	253
1916 5P Gold	AU55	173
1916 5P Gold	AU	259
1916 10P Gold	ANACS AU55	437
1916 10P Gold	ANACS MS61	518
1915 20P Gold	NGC AU58	1,438
1879 1P Note P-27e	VF	345
1883 1P Note P-27e	F	104
1877 3P Note P-28	VF	1,208

1869 10P Note P-63	VG	1,093
1959 100 P Notes (90) P-93a	UNC	276
1834 Proclamation Medal Isabel II	NGC VF35	150

## **The First Cuban Coin**

**This article is a complement to the article in CNA Newsletter 1-05 (Jan 2005) pg 7.**  
By Rudy Valentin, CNA Vice-President

**For some unknown reason the Spanish colonial government never authorized the manufacturing of coins in Cuba. During the reign of Felipe V, the Cuban authorities requested permission to strike coins on the island utilizing the locally mined copper, in order to alleviate the coinage shortage suffered in all the Antilles. The Council of the Indies in Spain never authorized this petition. In fact, in a resolution of April 8, 1758, the Council specifically prohibited minting of coins in Cuba.**

**Nevertheless, on August 26, 1741, the municipal governor, Don Francisco Caxigal was forced to issue emergency siege money. This was due to the siege of Santiago de Cuba by the British fleet, commanded by Admiral Vernon. Two copper coins; “4 quartos” and the other “8 reales” were placed in circulation on September 8, 1741, and in March 8, 1742 the Council of the Indies gave approval for this emergency measure, thus giving legal tender status to the two coins.**

**These coins circulated for 49 years and were placed out of circulation by an order by the Government in 1790. A total of 4,342 “4 quartos”, 12,457 “8 reales”, and a few falsified (counterfeits) were recovered. Due to the crude manufacture process, all were very poor quality. There is no information what was done with them.**

**The design and drawings were made by Francisco Enrique de Angle, and the dies were prepared by Antonio Natera.**

**These are, by far, the rarest coins of Cuba and there are only three known specimens of the “8 reales”. The illustration of one of the “8 reales” below is from the famous Ray Byrne collection sold by the famous Jess Peters in 1975. The Sale Title was “Coins and Tokens of the Caribbes”, sale # 78.**



**Reverse**

**Obverse**

**Photos are of poor quality due to the source document (Xerox copy)**

**The other three illustrations below are from the Calico Catalog Nos. 1752 (type 262) and 1753 (type 263). Also what is believed to be a falsification of the epoch.**



Obverse Reverse  
Catalog picture blurred  
No. 1752/262



Obverse Reverse  
Crest and shield elongated  
No. 1753/263



Obverse Reverse  
Crest and shield wider  
Falsification/Counterfeit

ref: Medina catalog, Calico and Trigo catalog and Ray Byrne” Cuban Emergency Copper Money, World Coin Magazine Jan. 1969.

## SPANISH VERSION OF ABOVE.

### Primeras Monedas Cubanas

By Rudy Valentin, CNA Vice-president

**Las primeras y unicas monedas acuñada en suelo Cubano por el gobierno Español, fueron acuñadas en 1741, a causa de la emergencia creada debido al sitiado de la flota naval Britanica a Santiago de Cuba.**

**En varias ocasiones bajo el reinado de Su Majestad Felipe V, las autoridades Cubanas solicitaron del gobierno peninsular autorizaciòn para producir monedas de cobre con el metal obtenido de las minas locales, con el proposito de aliviar en algo la dura escases de la moneda fraccionaria. Cosa que ocurría en esa epoca en todas las Antillas.**

**El Concilio de las Indias, nunca autorizo esa peticiòn y en una resoluciòn dada el 8 de Abril de 1758, prohibio terminantemente el establecimiento de una seca en Cuba. Sin embargo, dado a la emergencia creada por el bloqueo de los Ingleses, dirigidos por el famoso Almirante Vernon, el gobierno municipal se vio obligado a emitir dos monedas de emergencia el 26 de Agosto de 1741. Ambas monedas de cobre, una de 4 cuartos y la otra de 8 reales. Estas fueron puestas en circulaciòn 8 de Septiembre del 1741, por autorizaciòn del Gobernador.**

**El año siguiente, en el 8 de Marzo de 1742, el Concillio de Las Indias dio su aprobaciòn a lo ante hecho por las autoridades locales dando de esa forma curso legal a dichas monedas.**

**El diseño y grabado de las piezas fue llevado a cabo por Francisco Enrique de Angle y la confecciòn de los troqueles fue obra de Antonio Natera.**

**Estas monedas circularòn por 49 años, hasta que fueron removidas de circulaciòn por orden oficial emitida en 1790. Se recogieron, 4,343 de las de 4 cuartos y 12,457 piasas de 8 reales entre genuinas y falsas. Todas en muy mal estado pos su mucha circulaciòn y burda acuñaciòn. Se desconose el destino de estas.**

**La moneda de ocho reales tiene un diametro de 33.1mm y un peso de 12.45 gms De esta se conocen solamente tres piasas por lo cual la conceptamos como la moneda Cubana mas rara y escasa. Solamente hemos visto en venta una de las tres que se conocen. Esto sucedio en la subasta del conocido numismatico - subastador.**



THE CUBAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION IS PROUD  
TO ANNOUNCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF CUBA 1<sup>ST</sup> REPUBLIC 1915-1958 TYPE SET BOOK.

The book is 8 1/2" X 11 1/2", weighs 17 oz. and includes a booklet about the brief history of Cuban Numismatics. The book was designed for those "TYPE SET" collectors, who are not interested in collecting all the coins that make up the Cuban mintages. The book was designed for those "TYPE SET" collectors, who are not interested in collecting all the coins that make up the Cuban mintages.

The book is now available for purchase. Paid up CNA members may order a maximum of two for \$14 each, which includes Florida sales tax (where applicable), and S&H. International, excluding Canada – add \$5 for additional mailing costs. Non-CNA members cost is \$17 each. For ordering information, visit [www.cubanumis.com](http://www.cubanumis.com) or contact Frank Putrow at [Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com) or 727 5317337.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### # 1. Bernie sent the following email:

I am a bit confused. I was just rummaging through some of my old coins and paper money. I came across an old 1949 1 Peso note. I checked the internet to see if it had any value. The picture I found for the official 1949 1 peso note is not the same as the one I have. The picture of the official note on the internet showed Jose Marti with his head turned to his left: my bill has his head turned to his right. Also, over the picture, it is written "Banco Nacional De Cuba". On my bill, it is written "Republica De Cuba". Perhaps you might have an explanation.

### Response by Editor:

Both peso notes were legal tender.

The Banco Nacional De Cuba were silver certificates produced from 1934-1949. The Republica De Cuba banknotes were produced from 1949 to 1960. For more information, see the article written by Dick Becker, a CNA Director, in CNA Newsletter #01-05 (January 2005), found at [www.cubanumis.com](http://www.cubanumis.com).

## **#2. P.B sent the following email:**

This may be a naive question, but, a friend is planning a trip to Cuba over the Christmas holidays. Is it legal for them (as a US Citizen) to buy pre-Castro ERA coins and bring them to the US? Is there a resource you're aware of that explains the rules?

Response by Editor:

There is no problem bringing back pre-Castro (1870-1960) coins or paper money back from Cuba. The Embargo does not cover that time period. However, there may be a monetary limit on anything brought into the US from Cuba.

I have heard from a number of people who visited Cuba, only to find that pre-Castro coins are almost non-existent. The ones that they saw were not good quality. But, maybe your friend will be lucky.

Regarding the amount limitation, you can get that figure from US Customs, or the airline that is going there. Remember that ALL post-Castro coins, paper, etc. cannot be brought into the US legally at this time. There are many rumors that the embargo might be lifted soon. This is the hope of many of my Cuban friends, however there is still opposition to lifting the embargo.

## **#3. A.G. sent the following email:**

Did you know how much a 1898 ANACS PF63 Cuban Peso might be worth?

Response by Editor:

In the Heritage Long Beach, CA. auction on June 2, 2008, a NGC PF63 1898 Peso Proof sold for \$8625.

## **#4. F.S. sent the following email:**

Last week I found a medio peso of Cuba (1870) in a box of coins that I was collecting when I was a kid. I would say that it is in a very good condition. I am interested in selling it. Can you tell me who may be interested.

For your information, I am not an US resident. I live in Germany.

Response by Editor:

From the photos, I think that your coin is rare and valuable. It might be worth between \$500 - \$1000 USD. However, you should have it certified to insure that it is not a counterfeit. I would suggest that you send it to either PCGS, NGC, IGC, ANACS or another respected Third Party Certifier to have it certified and encapsulated. An honest coin dealer in Germany can assist you in this endeavor.

Once you receive the certified coin back, you have a few choices.

1. Get a few offers from local dealers, and sell it if you wish.
2. List the coin on Ebay. The reserve price could be a few hundred euros over what the local dealer(s) had quoted you.
3. Send it to a respected Auction Dealer, such as Heritage, to sell at an upcoming auction.

## **#5. Carin sent the following email:**

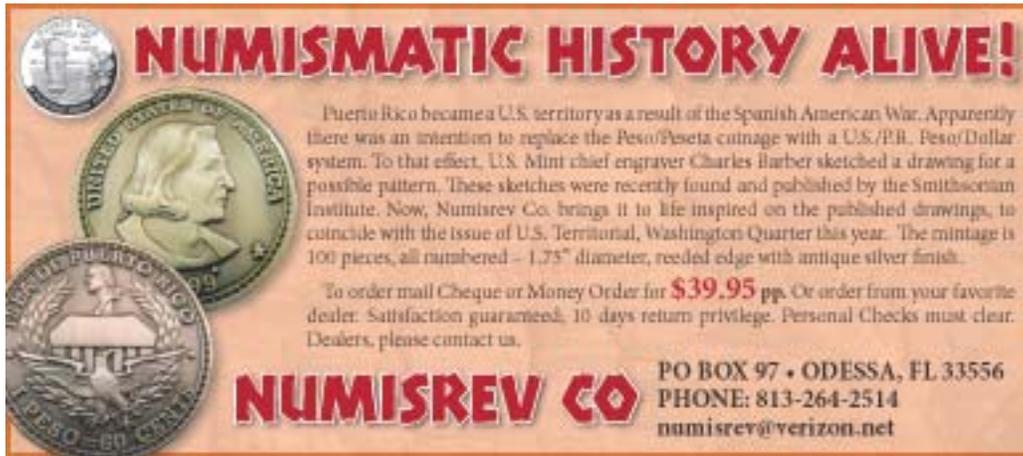
I live in Oregon and am helping a woman dispose of old family items. These are 101,000 dollars worth of Cuban bonds in very good shape. They were kept in a safe with the original letters and account book that are dated. They were 'rolled' and kept in an envelope so aren't perfectly flat. I will send you pictures of all later today. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Editors response was to put Carin in touch with four CNA dealers, who expressed interest in the bonds. Details of the negotiations are not known.

## WANT ADS

### For Sale

1. Cuban NGC MS61 1915 10 Centavo (list \$160) - \$85, includes SH&I.  
Cuban NGC MS62 DARK 1916 10 Centavo (list \$1200) - \$395, includes SH&I.  
Cuban NGC MS61 1915LR 20 Centavo (list \$95) - \$40, includes SH&I.  
Cuban NGC EF45 1916 40 Centavo (list \$400) - \$175, includes SH&I.  
Cuban NGC MS62 1953 Peso (list \$130) - \$75, includes SH&I. 110309  
Contact Frank Putrow at [Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com) or 727 5317337.
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6. Spanish-American War Liberator Silver Medal. Cuba 1898. \$140, includes S&H. Contact Colin Bruce II at [kandybruce@hotmail.com](mailto:kandybruce@hotmail.com)



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1. Modest collector desires Cuban coins with ships highlighted on obverse. Contact

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2. Modern Cuban Exchange, Visitor and minted coinage:  
Paper Issue, 1995 Marti 1 Peso. Krause 114 (Specimen).  
Peso coin, INTUR 1989, Krause 580.  
Five Centavo coin, CUC type, 2006, Krause 575.2.  
Twenty five **Centavo coin, CUC type, 2007, Krause 577.2.**  
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  3. English version of CUBA, A COUNTRY AND ITS CURRENCY, in very good condition. Please contact G. Graham at [BBQ\\_n\\_Blues@webtv.net](mailto:BBQ_n_Blues@webtv.net). 070107
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#### .For Trade

1. Trade your UNC. Cuban 1898 peso, 1877 Cuban Pattern, or rare early Cuban silver coins for my Cuban doubles, including rare proofs to high grades. I will also purchase. Contact Carl at [Carlme@earthlink.net](mailto:Carlme@earthlink.net) or 282 6279443. 070107

#### 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. 070107

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