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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).

Somos una entidad sin fines de lucro y totalmente apolítica, fundada el 9 de Enero de 2004. Nuestro objetivo es el estudio de monedas, billetes, fichas, medallas, bonos, fichas de casino, documentos y, en general, todo lo referente a la Numismática de Cuba. Nos reunimos anualmente durante la convención de invierno de Florida Numismatic Association (FUN), usualmente en Orlando, Florida. La cuota anual de membresía regular es solamente \$ 10.00 US. El propósito de esta comunicación en español es invitar a todos los numismáticos de habla hispana a comunicarse con nosotros, si así lo desean y prefieren, en este idioma. También queremos explorar opiniones de los socios sobre comunicaciones en español.

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

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(Nota: El nombre legal de nuestra Asociación es "Cuban Numismatic Association", somos una Asociación legalmente constituida en los E.U.A. y no estamos afiliados a ninguna entidad de ningún otro país cuyo nombre en español pueda ser similar.)

ANNUAL CNA MEETING HELD – SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 9th, 2010.

1:00 pm, Room N220B in the Orlando Convention Center (N).

Attendees were welcomed by President Frank Putrow.

Minutes of January 10, 2009 6th Annual Meeting were read, and accepted as read.

Treasury report presented by Robert Freeman, CNA Treasurer.

Website (www.cubanumis.com) update presented by Stan Klein.

Putrow reported that there will be 7 remaining CNA commemorative coins/medals after the meeting. Also, there were 114 Cuba Type Set Books remaining of the original 500.

CNA membership remains about 130 members. New members are offset by departing members.

Nominations were requested to fill the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Directors.

Nominations were also requested in the 4-09, and 1-10 CNA newsletters. J. Angel Crespo requested to join the CNA Board in some capacity, and was nominated to be the Secretary. No other new members were nominated. Mr. Crespo and the other 7 Officers were subsequently sworn in by Vice President Rudy Valentin. In 2011, the positions of one director and the Vice President will be up for election.

Putrow reported that the CNA had a complimentary table in the bourse (#457), and wooden 5 centavos, business cards and pamphlets were available. The Cuba Type Set books were also for sale for \$10 (members) and \$17 (non members).

Door prizes, donated by members, and an auction were held after the business meeting.

The 50/50 and sale of donated items to the CAN realized a total of \$391.

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.

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.

CNA Director Resigns

Santiago Aragon Jr., CNA Director since January 2009, has resigned for personal reasons. He remains an avid supporter of our CNA. His directorship will be filled in the 2011 General Meeting next January. Any interested member should contact Frank Putrow.

U.S COINS IN CIRCULATION THAT ARE VALUABLE

Reprinted from COINS.ABOUT.COM

Let's deviate a bit from Cuban Numismatics. This posting should be interesting because it identifies U.S. error coins that you may have in your pocket at this very moment, and they could be worth many times face value.

1. 2004-D Wisconsin State Quarter with an extra leaf. Variety experts disagree about the cause and long-term value of this coin, but it is very findable in pocket change and worth hundreds of dollars right now. There is some defect on the die that makes it appear as if there is an extra leaf on the lower left-hand side of the ear of corn on the reverse. The leaf is very clear. Known in two varieties: the High Leaf and the Low Leaf. Approximate value: \$200-\$300 in MS60 or better.
2. 1982 No Mint Mark Roosevelt Dime. At the point in time when these coins were minted, the dies sent to the individual branch mints would be punched with the proper mint mark letter for that branch. This variety is believed to be caused because one or more non-punched dies were used to mint coins. Note that the letter “P” was being used for Philadelphia on dimes at that time. Approximate value: \$30 to \$50 for AU50; more for higher grades.
3. Silver Kennedy Half Dollars (1965-1970). Many people think that the silver in U.S. coins ended in 1964, but it is not true. The half dollar coin had silver in it until 1970. Many people mistakenly spend the half dollars from 1965 to 1970, or place them in half dollar rolls, not realizing that they are 40% silver. Editors comment: Silver half dollars up to 1964 have .36 ounce silver, and would be valued at about \$5.75 with silver spot at \$16. Half dollars (1965-1970) have .15 ounce silver, and are valued at about \$2.40 with silver spot at \$16.
4. Presidential Dollar Edge Lettering Errors. Ever since the first Presidential dollar (Washington 2007), there have been errors associated with the lettering on the edges of these coins. In some cases, it is missing entirely. In others, the edge lettering has been placed there multiple times. The inscription should appear incused all around the circumference of the coin. Missing or doubled inscriptions are rare and valuable. Depending on the president, the value could vary between \$50 and \$300.
5. Lincoln Cents. A variety of errors have been detected in Lincoln cents; years 1969-S, 1970-S small date, 1972, 1995, and 1998-99-2000.
Brief descriptions are as follows:
1969-S double die obverse – Clear doubling of the entire obverse, except for the mint mark.
1970-S small date double die obverse – Doubling in LIB and IN GOD WE TRUST.
1972 double die obverse – Clear doubling of all obverse elements. Look for a tiny gouge near the edge above the D in UNITED as a die marker.
1995 double die obverse – Clear doubling in LIBERTY and IN GOD WE TRUST.

1998-99-2000 wide “AM” reverse – The AM in AMERICA on the reverse is clearly separated in the wide variety. The 1999 is the rarest.

The value of the error varies of the Lincoln cents above will vary from \$5 to \$35,000 (1969-S)
GOOD LUCK IN FINDING ONE OF THESE RARITIES IN YOUR POCKET CHANGE!

CNA 5 CENTAVO (WOODIE) FOR SALE ON EBAY

Chatty Collections, of Massachusetts, recently posted a CNA 5 centavo (woodie) for sale on Ebay #350316881250. The reserve price was 99 cents. It DID NOT sell! This is interesting because although Chatty has hundreds of other wooden nickels for sale, the Cuban woodie was the only one listed. Maybe, because the CNA “woodie” is so different? It is believed that it is the only wooden Nickel of a foreign nature.

COIN GRADING SYMBOLS

Most American collectors are aware of the standardized symbols used to identify the condition of a particular coin. But, the symbols used in Spain, and other parts of the world, are different than those used in America.

Here are the comparisons:

AMERICAN SYMBOL	DEFINITION	SPANISH SYMBOL
FDC (Fleur du Coin)	Absolutely perfect proofs, without any marks, wear or blemishes.	FDC
UNC (Mint State 63)	Uncirculated and has totally no trace of wear.	
UNC (Mint State 60)	Uncirculated condition, with minor trace of wear.	S/C
AU (Almost UNC)	A small trace of wear on the highest points of the coin	S/C –
XF or EF (Choice)	Very light wear on the highest points of the coin	EBC +
	Extremely fine.	EBC
	Less definition on the highest points of the coin	EBC –
VF (Choice)	Light to medium wear. All major features are sharp	MBC +
	Very Fine	MBC
F (Fine)	Moderate to heavy even wear. Major features are sharp	MBC -
VG (Very Good)	Well worn. Design is clear, but flat with lacking detail	BC +
G (Good)	Heavily worn. Design and legend are visible, but faint in spots	BC
AG (Almost Good)	Have an outlined design. Parts of date and legend worn smooth	BC –
Fair	Coin is barely identifiable as to its type	RC
	Very, very poor. Features and date cannot be determined	MC
Basal State	Lump of metal is identifiable as a coin	
	Date undetermined	s/d

THE PLAN TO SPONSOR interested numismatists on the island of Cuba has been cancelled due to the lack of input regarding the Cuban numismatists in Cuba. Those who donated funds for this plan have been reimbursed.

CUBA NUMIS/NEWS CAPSULE

A **NEW** Section of the CNA Newsletter presented by contributors with interesting short stories.

ARE ALL 1870 CUBAN PESOS THE SAME? By Rudy Valentin (Vice President).

Speaking of rarities in the Cuban numismatic field, perhaps one of the rarest pieces is the 1870 provisional coinage silver peso. Not the documented silver 1870 pesos referenced in the KP Unusual World Coin catalog (UWCC), but a rare 1870 silver “E” silver peso. This unique piece has an “E” below the PESO and above the wreath bow, instead of the usual star in all the other 1870 pieces. It was listed as 27.36 grams in weight and measures 37.30 mm. In contrast, the 1870 silver peso listed in the UWCC is 21.40 grams in weight. It is believed that the E stands for “essai” (proof or trial), but in reality, not much is known about this issue.

Up to now, the only known 1870 “E” peso specimen was auctioned on December 5/6, 1975 by the late Henry Chistensen at the Fourth International Numismatic Convention.

A few years ago, I was determined to complete the story behind the issue. The initial journey led to South America. I had a lead that I might meet someone, with the details of the issue, in Argentina. After no success in Argentina and Chile, I realized that I had reached a dead end, and returned home. I think I was close to finding the story, but I needed more time and more money. The story is a mystery and remains to be told. Unfortunately, we don’t know what the piece was sold for in the 1975 auction, but it is estimated that it could be worth over a hundred thousand in today’s market.

Information about the Cuba 1870 series is both lacking and controversial. In the KP UWCC, the coins are listed as silver and copper, with a single ½ peso minted in bronze. The UWCC does not identify where these coins were struck, but one respected collector affirms that they were struck in Bolivia by Clemente Torreti. ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE 1870 SERIES IS APPRECIATED.

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:

Miscommunications, on the part of your editor, has resulted in the lack of a Member Profile for this newsletter. It will return next newsletter.

CONVERTIBLE PESOS MAY BE DISCONTINUED IN CUBA.

A good source of information reports that the scuttlebutt on the island of Cuba is that CUC (convertible pesos) will be recalled/cancelled by Cuba in May 2010. Cuba's monetary policy could deflate the National Peso, with a more onerous exchange rates for the US dollar, Euro, etc.

CUBA 1915 GOLD 5 PESO COUNTERFEIT

F. Michael Fazzari wrote an article in the January 12, 2010 Numismatic News about a counterfeit Cuba 1915 gold 5 Peso. In the article, he points out that it has become very difficult to distinguish counterfeits from genuine coins. Only after he evaluated the suspect 5 peso, side by side with a known genuine 5 peso, did he see the visual variations.

The color of the gold is correct, but the weight of the counterfeit is 1/10 less gram in weight.

The counterfeit attributes on the OBVERSE are limited. The counterfeit "8.359G" numbers are spaced further apart than the genuine, with the 9 almost completely closed in the bottom. The shape of the denticals on the counterfeit coin are less pronounced, and appear circular rather than squared.

The REVERSE of the counterfeit coin has more noticeable peculiarities. Referring to the reverse of the peso below, the peculiarities are as follows:

1. The sun rays of the counterfeit total 18, not 20.
2. The horizontal lines on the left of the shield are very distinct on the genuine coin, while the lines on the counterfeit are uneven.
3. The palm tree base of the genuine is small rocks or clumps, while the counterfeit base appears lumpy.
4. The fronds of the genuine are irregular and may number 5, while the counterfeit appear to have 6 evenly sized fronds.

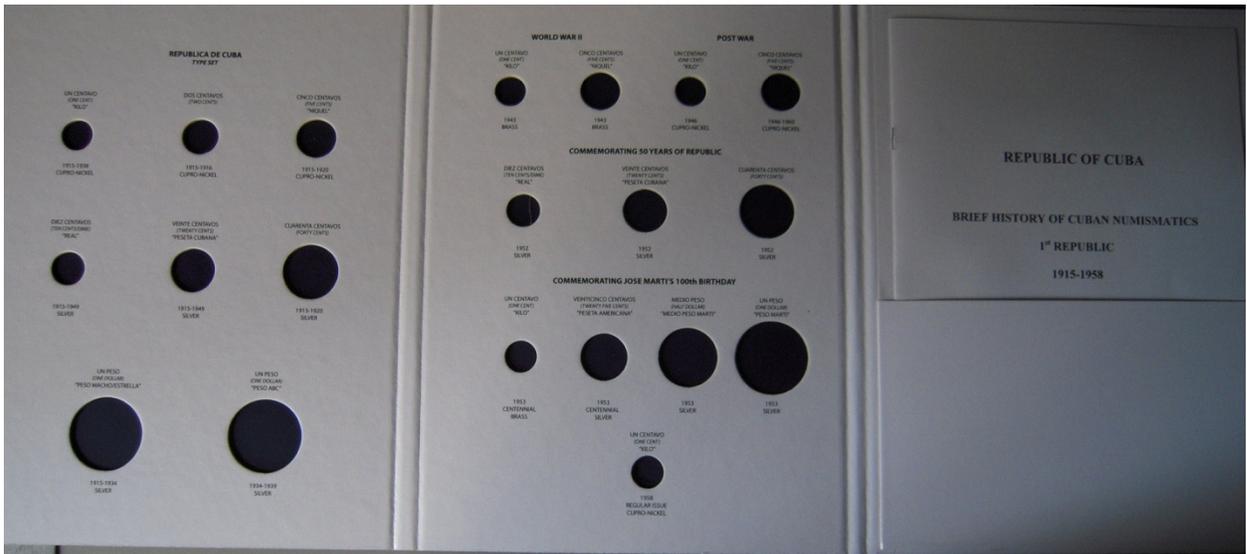
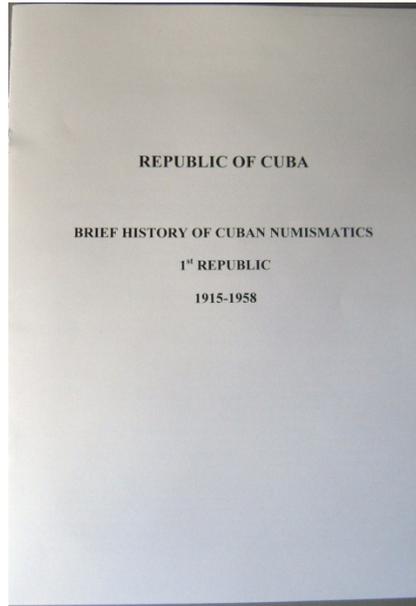
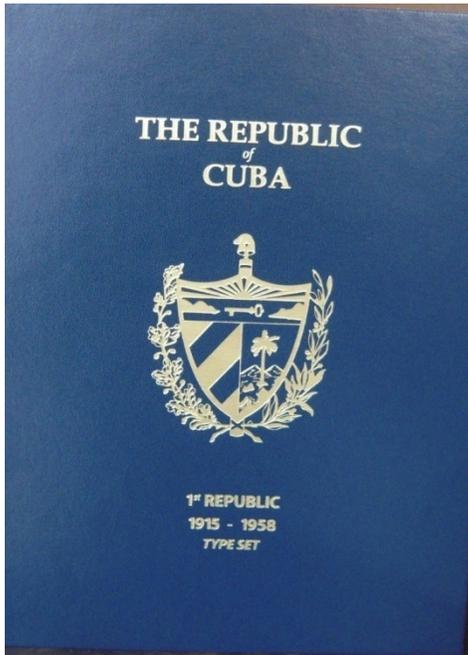


COUNTERFEIT COINS, INCLUDING CUBAN RARITIES, COULD APPEAR ANYWHERE. BE VERY CAREFUL BEFORE PURCHASING YOUR COINS, ESPECIALLY THE MORE EXPENSIVE ONES.

QUIZ: Who was Leonor Molina? What do we know about her?

Answer found on page 8.

CNA TYPE SET BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE



THE CUBAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION IS PROUD
TO ANNOUNCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CUBA 1ST 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 or contact Frank Putrow at Fxputrow@aol.com or 727 5317337.

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Who was Leonor Molina?

Leonor Molina is the model whose face is portrayed on the Cuban 1897 Souvenir and 1898 Pesos. She was a cousin of Octavio Zayas Adan, the treasurer of the US – Cuban delegation in the Spanish American War. Leonor Molina emigrated, with her family, to the United States in 1897, where she had taken part in several functions to raise funds for the Cuban Revolution. She was born in 1879 in Camaquey Province, and died at the age of seventy six in Miami, Florida. During her life, she was known to wear a GOLD 1897 Souvenir Peso, given to her by her cousin Zayas. It is ironic that she was never honored by the Cuban Government, yet her name is more recognizable than most of the notable revolutionaries responsible for the success of the Cuban Revolution.

TWO INTERESTING LOTS IN AUREO & CALICO MARCH 11, 2010 AUCTION IN BARCELONA, SPAIN

CUBA 1915 gold proof set (1,2,4,5,10 and 20 peso). Extremely rare. Estimated sale price was \$150,000 euros, or approximately \$207,000 USD. Actual hammer price was \$80,000 euros plus 18% commission & IVU, for a total of \$94,400 euros, or 130,000 USD.

CUBA 1916 gold proof set (1,2,4,5,10 and 20 peso). Extremely rare. Estimated sale price is \$200,000 euros, or approximately \$300,000 USD. Actual hammer price was \$90,000 euros plus 18% commission & IVU, for a total of \$106,200 euros, or \$146,556 USD.

Both sets are GEM PROOF.

The auctioneer stated that the 1916 gold proof set was the only known complete set. A well respected Cuban collector (I.R) subsequently left a comment on the auction website that he was aware of 5 complete sets.

The auctioneer also reaffirmed that only ten 1916 20 peso proofs were minted, BUT fewer are known to exist. How many really do exist? Notwithstanding rumors, it is possible that only 7 or 8 of the 1916 20 peso proofs actually exist. It is factual that one is in the Cuba Numismatic Museum in Havana (donated by the President Menocal family in the 1950's), one was in the fore mentioned auction, four or five* are currently owned by collectors, and one reportedly (not verified) went down in a ship shortly after WWII.

*Ownership of this coin is very personal and names are not relative, nor can they be verified. However, past auctions indicate their existence and that they were sold to unknown parties.

Examples are such as the Lady Duveen Specimen was sold in a 1964 auction, and another was sold in 1974 in a Henry Christensen auction. One was presented in a recent Heritage/FUN auction. It was not sold in auction, but it was later privately sold for \$80,000 USD, plus commission, totaling about \$95,000.

Col. Jose R. Villalon, the Secretary of Public Works in 1916, was presented one of the original 10, and it was sold in a 1957 auction at the home of his daughter.

Dr. Leopoldo Cancio, the Secretary of Treasury in 1916, also was presented one of the original 10, and his family later sold it and distributed the proceeds amongst his heirs.

John Jay Pittman had one in his extensive collection, as well as a prominent collector in Miami.

Mr. Christensen's firm specialized in Latin American rarities. In his 1974 catalog, he described the Cuba 1916 20 peso proof as one of the rarest (regular issue) coin ever minted by the Philadelphia Mint, second only to the US 1870-S three dollar gold coin, which is valued over \$700,000, and is in the ANA Museum.

NOTE: In the Aureo & Calico Auction of March 11th, three other rare Cuba coins were sold:
 Cuba 1870 Peso, PCT. KM Pn5. Condition EBC (EF). Sold for \$18,000 euros + 18% commission & IVU, or about \$29,300 USD.
 Cuba 1898 Peso. Condition MBC (VF). Sold for \$500 euros + 18% & IVU, or about \$815 USD.
 Cuba 1897 Souvenir Type 1. Condition EBC- (almost EF). Sold for \$650 euros + 18% & IVU, or about \$1,060 USD.
 Cuba 1937 ABC Peso. Condition MBC (VF). Sold for \$270 euros + 18% & IVU, or about \$440 USD.

FROM THE KITCHEN

This issue, we provide a dual delicacy.

One recipe is for a Cuban/Spanish dish Garbanzos con Chorizos. This is an excellent companion to a steak.

The dessert is Delicate Pear cake, a wonderful fruity cake which I recently discovered.

Be daring! Try these recipes, as well as the many others that you will find in previous newsletters. There is no reason why your dinners should not be interesting and tasty.

GARBONZOS con CHORIZOS



Ingredients:

- 1 Pack dry garbanzos 14 oz., or 2 cans of chick peas
- 1 medium onion, finely diced
- 2 medium carrots, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 medium potato, diced
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 2 Spanish Style Chorizos (found in most food stores) cut in 1/4 inch slices
- 1 large bell pepper, finely diced
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium size tomatoes, chopped-Parsley for garnishing

PREPARATION:

Place garbanzos in a large bowl and fill with enough water to cover the beans 4 inches. (This is not necessary if using canned chick peas). Place in refrigerator and let soak overnight. Drain and place in a large pot and add enough fresh water to cover the beans, about 3 inches. Bring to a boil and then lower the temperature, let simmer for about 1 hour or until the beans are tender. In a large pan heat the olive oil and sauté the onion, bell pepper, tomatoes and garlic for 3 to 5 minutes. Add the chorizos, wine, potatoes, carrots, paprika, bay leaves and cook for another 3 to 4 minutes. Gently stir in the cooked garbanzos and let cook for another 10 minutes. Serve over white rice. Season with salt and pepper. Garnish with parsley sprigs.

ENJOY!!

DELICATE PEAR CAKE with CARAMEL SAUCE

INGREDIENTS:

CAKE:

1 16 oz. can pear halves in light syrup.
1 pkg. white cake mix
(w/pudding if available)
1/3 cup vegetable oil.
3 egg whites

FROSTING:

1 16 oz. can pear halves in light syrup, drained.
1 cup whipping cream.
2 tablespoons granulated sugar.
1 tablespoon vanilla.
½ cup finely chopped walnuts.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flower 10 inch tube pan. Drain pear halves, reserving ½ cup liquid. Place pears in food processor (or manually puree). Process until smooth. In large bowl, combine cake mix, pureed pears, reserved ½ cup pear liquid, oil, and egg whites at low speed until moistened. Continue at high speed for 2 minutes. Pour into greased pan (Bakers Joy spray works great). Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool upright in pan for 15 minutes.

Invert onto serving plate. Cool completely.

In small bowl, beat 1 cup whipping cream and sugar until stiff peaks form. Fold in vanilla. Frost cooled cake with whipped cream. Cut drained pear halves lengthwise into about 32 slices. Arrange on top of cake, slightly overlapping edges. Press walnuts into sides of cake. Refrigerate until served.

BEFORE SERVING, PREPARE CARAMEL SAUCE.

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup brown sugar. 1 cup whipping cream. ½ cup butter or margarine.

NOTE: These ingredients will make enough sauce for 16 servings. Reduce by half for less sauce.

In medium saucepan, combine all sauce ingredients, and mix well. Bring to a boil. Reduce to medium heat and continue to boil for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat. Cool to room temperature. To serve, drizzle 2 tablespoons of sauce onto each slice of cake. Refrigerate extra cake and sauce. **ENJOY!**

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NOTE: Responses to Letters To The Editor are provided by CNA members, who volunteer their time, and have a variety of expertise. Some information may be misrepresented or partially incomplete. Although these situations are considered minimal, it may occur. In these situations, the CNA apologizes, but cannot be held responsible.

1. Norman sent the following email:

I have a 1965 Cuba exile coin and am trying to get further info. What is the KP catalog number? What is its value? Why is the coin called an exile coin? Thank You.

Response by Editor:

Thank you for the email regarding the Cuba 1965 "Exile" coin.

Your coin is one of a series of four that were struck for the Agency for Cuban Numismatists in Exile, sponsored by Alpha 66, a group of anti - Castro Cubans. They were minted by a private mint, but I am not aware about these particulars. The mintage quantities are unknown.

They should be considered medals, rather than coins. They, in turn, are designated "Souvenir". They are designated X# M4, X# M5.1, X# M6, and X# M16 in Krause Publications (KP) "Unusual World Coins". The first three are Proofs, 38.3mm in size, are .9250 silver, and have three different edge designs. The latter (X# M16) is Proof-like, 29.34mm in size, is .9250 silver, and has three different edge designs.

The estimated values of the four medals range from \$25 - \$90 in uncirculated condition.

In 1985, another group of anti - Castro Cubans, headed by Richard Lobel, struck seven similar " Souvenir medals of various medals, identified as "20th Anniversary Cubans in Exile". They are also identified in the KP catalog.

Thank you for your interest in Cuban Numismatics. Visit our website at www.cubanumis.com for further information of our Cuban Numismatic Association.

#2. Wolfgang (from Austria) sent the following email:

I am a serious and advanced collector of modern world coins (1850-date), No gold. I am a special contributor to SCWC Krause Publications since many years. Since I did not have any numismatic contacts in Cuba, I went to Havana last December for a few days. I was lucky to get in touch with the people from the Numismatic Organization and the coin museum. I bought the 3 (so far) existing catalogs of Cuban coins. I met the person who is in charge of all the work for a new planned issue, as the last catalog printed in 1999. My question is: I have heard that there is a variety of Cuban 1920 5 centavos without the dot after the "G". Can you help me find one?

Response by Editor:

There are some 1920 5 centavo coins without the dot after the G (5.0.G). I have seen a few myself. They must be very rare, since I recently reviewed 75 coins without finding an example. Since I cannot help you procure one, I suggest that you monitor Ebay for this variety.

#3. D.M. sent the following email:

I would like to ask a question of you if I may. I have in my possession two Cuban Pesos paper currency in good conditions dated back to before Castro took power. What would be the value of them? I have in my possession a 100 (dated 1959) & a 50 (dated 1958) pesos bills.

Response by Editor:

Thank you for the inquiry regarding your Cuban 1958 50 Peso, and 1959 100 Peso notes.

I'm sorry to inform you that these are quite common. If they are crisp, uncirculated notes, they may be worth \$25-\$50. However, if they have been circulated and show any sign of handling (fold, crease, etc.), they are only worth \$5-\$10. You can see many of these notes for sale on Ebay.

Thank you for your interest in Cuban Numismatics.

#4. G.D. sent the following email:

As discussed on the phone, I have a 1932 coin which I came across and wondered what your thoughts are on this coin. I am attaching pictures of it.

Could the mint have been experimenting with a potential \$1 US coin and made this as a sample? It looks close to the Peace dollar with a twist. From what I see it could have been made at a mint and I cannot believe a jeweler would have done this.



Response by Editor:

I sent your picture to a number of my fellow Cuban Numismatists. All agree that this was fabricated by a third party, but for what purpose?

Here is the feedback from one of our members:

I had the pictures blown up and now feel that this coin is a CAST. If you look at the rim of the Cuban side it shows the typical casting marks, and the Liberty side has in the fields a similar pattern plus an entry point in the rim at about 9 o'clock.

Another contributor remarked:

It cannot be a U S Mint work; that is definite. I believe it is a gimmick. At best, it could have been made by Cuban exiles for propaganda purposes, or to raise capital. As you are aware, a company like Silver Towne can manufacture medals for various organizations, or for special purposes. Our CNA had 150 medals manufactured that resemble the Cuban Star Peso, but there were distinctly different.

I am sorry that I cannot help you in identifying the source of this piece. If you do discover more information, please share it with us.

#5. D.F. sent the following email:

Please give me some information regarding a Cuban peso, dated 1967, depicting Che Guevara, and includes the motto "Patria O Muerte". It is 28 grams in weight.

Response by Editor:

As you probably know, this piece is a medal, rather than a coin. It was minted in Mexico in honor of Che in 1970. The motto PATRIA O MUERTE means Motherland or Death, coined after his speech to the United Nations on 12-11-64.

The mystery is the weight of the medal. Krause X#M31a lists the weight as .7137 oz., or 24 grams. The ratio between the Oz/G seems consistent with other silver coins. The missing key is the thickness of your medal as well as the Krause listing. There is a possibility that your medal is thicker, and could be like a pattern, or a trial strike. Since the medal was struck by an independent group in Mexico, it seems that more information will not be available.

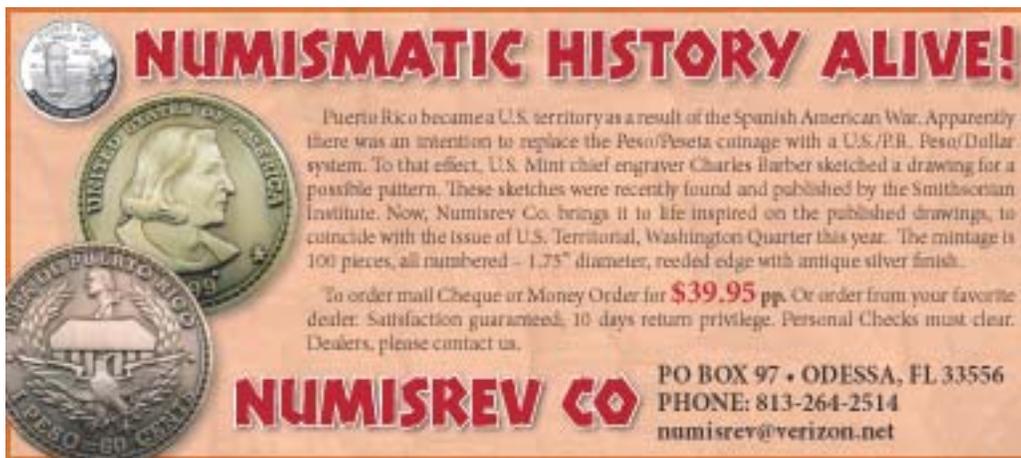
I suggest that you send the medal to PCGS or NGC for certification. Make sure that you include the weight variance on the application form. I wish I could be more helpful. Please keep me advised of any further discovery.

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4. How can your CNA improve?
5. Recognizing that there is inadequate documentation available for Cuban Numismatics (coins, paper currency, medals, tokens, etc.), what would be the most significant project for your CNA to initiate?
6. On a scale of 1-10, please rate the performance of your CNA.

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