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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. 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.

### **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.org](http://www.cubannumismaticassociation.org) 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 page of this newsletter.

### **MEMBERSHIP DUES - IMPORTANT**

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 2006 dues, please contact Frank Putrow at [Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com) or call 727 46375097 (cellular). If you are current with your dues – THANK YOU!!

### **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.

This issue's profile is on Emilio M. Ortiz, CNA Director, and CNA Finance Committee Chairman.

## **PROFILE – EMILIO M. ORTIZ**

**BORN IN HAVANA, CUBA, EMILIO SHOWED AN INTEREST IN COLLECTING WORLD STAMPS AT A VERY YOUNG AGE. IN THE EARLY 1950'S, HE CONCENTRATED ON THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS, AND BY THE END OF THAT DECADE, HE HAD A VERY ADVANCED & SPECIALIZED CUBAN STAMP COLLECTION IN MINT CONDITION.**

**HE WAS INTRODUCED TO COINS BY A NEW JERSEY HIGH SCHOOL ROOMMATE. HIS FRIEND SHOWED HIM THE VALUE OF COINS BY GIVING HIM A 1859 PROOF FLYING EAGLE CENT FROM HIS COLLECTION, WHICH EMILIO FOUND "WISE" TO SELL SOMETIME LATER (WITH HIS FRIEND'S APPROVAL) TO A COIN DEALER IN DOWNTOWN TRENTON, FOR A MERE \$25 BECAUSE HIS SPENDING MONEY ALLOCATION FROM CUBA HAD NOT ARRIVED. BAD DECISIONS ARE CAUSED BY IGNORANCE, AND THIS IS ONE TRUE EXAMPLE.**

**BACK IN CUBA, EMILIO CONVINCED HIS FATHER TO ALLOCATE COUNTER SPACE IN THEIR CIGAR STORE, WHICH WAS LOCATED VERY CLOSE TO HAVANA'S CENTRAL PARK, TO BUY & SELL COINS. IT WAS HERE, IN 1957, WHEN AN AGENT FROM A LARGE CIGAR COMPANY ARRIVED, FLIPPING IN THE AIR A SHINY SILVER PESO HE HAD OBTAINED THAT SAME DAY, AND OFFERED TO GIVE IT TO EMILIO IN EXCHANGE FOR A ONE PESO NOTE. TO HIS TOTAL DISBELIEF, EMILIO FOUND HIMSELF LOOKING AT A 1937 ABC PESO IN AU/UNC CONDITION, AN EXTREMELY RARE COIN IN THOSE DAYS. THE COIN STAYED IN THE DISPLAY CASE, UNSOLD (ASKING PRICE \$1000) FOR SEVERAL YEARS, RESULTING IN HEAVY TRAFFIC INTO THE STORE. ULTIMATELY, THE COIN WAS SOLD, JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM CUBA, TO A COLLECTOR WHO HAD CONSISTENTLY SHOWN MORE THAN CASUAL INTEREST IN PURCHASING IT. EMILIO GAVE HIM A HUGE DISCOUNT, SIMPLY BECAUSE THE COLLECTOR COULD NOT AFFORD TO PAY MORE, AND HE WANTED TO LEAVE THE COIN IN GOOD HANDS.**

**IN THE USA, HIS HOBBY WAS NOT A PRIORITY BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE FUNDS UNTIL THE EARLY 1980'S, WHEN HE EMBARKED IN A SERIOUS AND COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT TO ASSEMBLE A COMPLETE CUBAN COIN COLLECTION, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE COINS STRUCK IN COLONIAL MINTS THAT HAD CIRCULATED IN CUBA. HE INSISTED ON TWO THINGS FOR THIS COLLECTION; QUALITY AND RARITY, AND WHILE THESE TYPE OF COINS WERE NOT READILY AVAILABLE IN THE GENERAL MARKET, HIS PATIENCE AND GOOD FORTUNE HELPED HIM TO ACQUIRE KEY SPECIMENS AT NOTED AUCTIONS SUCH AS NORWEB, GARRET, BRAND, PITTMAN, ELIASBERG, ETC. THESE OPPORTUNITIES ALLOWED HIM TO COME CLOSER TO HIS OBJECTIVE.**

**IN 1992, REALIZING THAT HIS COLONIAL COLLECTION WAS TOO FAR REACHING, AND WOULD CERTAINLY OUTSHINE HIS CUBAN COLLECTION AT ANY EXHIBIT, EMILIO SELLS THE COLONIAL**

**COLLECTION IN ZURICH, WHERE UBS CREATES A SPECIAL AUCTION SOLEY FOR THIS COLLECTION. THE AUCTION CATALOG AND THE CATALOG PRINTED AFTER THE SALE, WITH REALIZED PRICES, ARE SOMETIMES USED AS REFERENCE IN CURRENT AUCTIONS.**

**HE IS PROUD TO POSSESS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CUBAN COIN COLLECTIONS EVER ASSEMBLED. EVERY RARITY, KNOWN AND SOMETIMES UNKNOWN, IN PROOF AND HIGH MS CONDITION, IS INCLUDED. WORTHY OF SPECIAL MENTION IS THE UNIQUE 1920 SILVER PROOF SET 40/20/10 CTS. (NGC SLABBED).**

**A LIFE FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY (ANS), WHERE HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS TRUSTEE, EMILIO IS ALSO A BOARD MEMBER OF THE CUBAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (CNA), A LIFE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION (ANA), FUN, NI, AND IS A MEMBER OF THE PUERTO RICO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.**

**IN 1999, HE WAS ASKED BY THE ANS TO PRESENT A LECTURE FOR THE COAC CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS HELD AT THE TWIN TOWERS IN DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN. AT THIS LECTURE, HE REVEALED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THAT SEVERAL DIES HAD BEEN USED TO STRIKE THE SOUVENIR COINS OF 1897. AND ALSO, THAT A UNIQUE BRONZE PATTERN WITH THE DATE 1897 UNDER THE BUST (AND NOT TO THE SIDES OF THE BUST), EXISTED AND RESIDED IN HIS POSITION. THE ANS WILL PUBLISH THE DETAILS OF THIS CONFERENCE LATER THIS YEAR.**

**HIS PASSION DOES NOT STOP IN CUBAN COINS & CURRENCY. HE HAS ASSEMBLED A VERY ADVANCED COLLECTION OF ¼ REALES (CUARTILLOS OR CUARTILLAS), DEPENDING ON YOUR GENDER PREFERENCE), BOTH COLONIAL AND REPUBLICAN. HE IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF WRITING A CATALOG ON THIS VERY LITTLE KNOWN SERIES.**

**HIS OTHER ENDEAVOR IS TO FINISH A BOOK ON CUBAN NUMISMATICS, WHICH HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON FOR YEARS. HOPEFULLY, THIS CHALLENGE WILL BE MET IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.**

**EMILIO HAS HAD A VERY ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL LIFE AS WELL. HE IS WELL RESPECTED IN THE BANKING ARENA IN NEW YORK AND HOUSTON, AS AN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL PAPER TRADER, INTERNATIONAL STEEL TRADER, AND CURRENTLY PRESIDENT & CEO OF THE LARGEST METAL SERVICE CENTER IN THE CARIBBEAN BASIN BASED IN PUERTO RICO.**

## **CUBAN TOKENS – Part One**, by Rudy Valentin

Every country in the world has had, at one time or another, the necessity to issue what we call tokens, or private unofficial coinage. There are many reasons, but all have the same purpose; to benefit an individual or entity.

Cuba was a Spanish colony which suffered the most for lack of official minor coinage. The colonists (military, as well as tobacco and sugar plantations) took advantage of this situation, and issued tokens. They paid the peasant workers with their private tokens, and in turn, the peasant worker bought their staples at the “company store”. Of course, the prices were inflated, which resulted in the company reaping double profits.

In addition, tokens were issued by the government for transportation purposes.

Tokens have always been collected by the inhabitants of certain areas, but it is only recently that tokens have been popular among collectors. This is primarily due to the increasing price of coins, and published works about the various types of tokens.

Around 1960, the eminent numismatist Henry Christensen, published a series on Cuban tokens in his mail auction catalogs. This information was initially developed by Robert Pesant, whose research in Cuban Numismatics is unsurpassed. Mr. Pesant listed the Cuban tokens in four major groups: sugar estate or plantation (centrales or ingenios), tobacco plantation, military, and transportation. It is not known if Mr. Pesant developed a separate segment for the commercial tokens, other than above.

Part one is a reproduction of the Tobacco Plantations of Cuba, as published by Henry Christensen in his mail auction catalog #60, dated October 22, 1976.

Other listings will follow in subsequent articles.

### THE TOBACCO PLANTATION TOKENS OF CUBA, by Robert Pesant.

#### CALZADA – Habana

800. No value – 28mm – brass.

Obv: A tobacco leaf, ESCOJIDA DE TABACO EN RAMA. all include

Reverse: A.M. Calzada & Co. all include

The obverse legend means “Plucking of tobacco from the plant”. When the tobacco plant is fully grown, the leaves are plucked and graded. The laborers who do the plucking and sorting received these tokens in payment.

801. 10 cents – 28mm – brass.

Obv: as previous.

Reverse: as previous, but “10” in center.

802. 5 cents – 28mm – brass.

Obv: as previous.

Reverse: as previous, but “5” in center.

#### GONZALEZ – Habana

803. No value – 28mm – pewter or zinc.

Obv: Tobacco plant, ESCOJIDA DE TOBACO EN RAMA.

Reverse: PPE - ALFONSO/116 Y 118, SOBS. DE. A. GONZALEZ. HABANA

PPE is the abbreviation of PRINCIPE, the name of the street. BOBS is the abbreviation of SOBRINOS – nephews.

804. No value – 28mm – brass.

As previous, but different metal.

#### CORONA – Habana

805. No value – 28mm – brass.

Obv: Crowned C in a dotted circle.

Reverse: blank.

Struck on a very thin planchet.

806. No value – 28mm – brass.  
As previous, but thick planchet.

807. No value – 28mm – brass.  
Obv: Crowned BB in a dotted circle.  
Reverse: blank.

808. No value – 28mm – brass.  
Obv: A large crown.  
Reverse: blank.

CORONA translates to CROWN, hence the symbol. These tokens are really classification checks.

The letters (none for A), B-B, and C stand for the quality of the leaves from the plant, which generally vary according to the distance from the bottom of the trunk and are priced accordingly.

#### PARTAGAS – Habana

809. 20 cents – 25mm – CuNi.  
Obv: PARTAGAS/20 (incuse).  
Reverse: blank.

810. 10 cents – 25mm – CuNi.  
As previous, but “10”.

811. 5 cents – 25mm – Nickel.  
As previous, but “5”.

#### GIRALA (uncertain) – Pinar del Rio.

812. 20 cents – 23mm – CuNi.  
Obv: Large GIRALA/1916.  
Reverse: 20 over monogram I.G.

813. 10 cents – 23 mm – CuNi.  
As previous, but “10”.

814. 5 cents – 23 mm – CuNi.  
As previous, but ”5”.

The initials I.G. on the reverse are thought to be for the owners of the plantation, Gonzalez Ibor. Ibor (Ybor) city in Tampa, Florida is named for the same Ibor family who left Cuba during the War of Independence in 1868, and, like other exiles, founded a cigar making enterprise in the United States.

#### RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ - Pinar Del Rio.

815. No value – 23 mm – Aluminum.  
Obv: A six pointed star.  
Reverse: Large monogram R.L.  
The initials on the reverse supposedly are those of the owner.

#### ESTRELLA (uncertain) – Sancti Spiritus

816. No value – 22 mm – pewter or zinc.  
Obv: An incuse star.  
Reverse: blank.

817. No value – 22mm – brass.  
As previous, but different metal.  
ESTRELLA means STAR.

#### ROMEO Y JULIETA (uncertain) – Habana.

818. 10 cents – 22mm – brass.  
Obv: Monogram R.J.

Reverse: Small incuse “10”.

Many of these tokens are holed. The only explanation one may give with a fair degree of certainty is that, in many cases, they were used as “bale check”. When the ripened and sorted leaves were bundled, a distinguishing check was tied to the bundle for identification.

PART 2 to follow at later date.

## **Jose Morales-Lemus, Cuban Patriot. Signer of the Historic 1869 Cuba 1000 Peso Revolutionary Bond.**

Jose Morales-Lemus, Cuban patriot, was born in Gibara, Cuba, in 1808. He died in New York City in 1870. He studied Law in Havana, was admitted to the bar in 1835, and soon attained the reputation as a skilled lawyer. He was one of the first Cubans to free his slaves. Because of his political views and anti-slavery views, he was forced to immigrate to the United States in 1856. He returned to Havana a few years later, and became one of the leaders of his party, advocating liberal reforms of the island of Cuba. He was one of the delegates sent to Spain in 1866 to lay before the Spanish government the demands of his fellow countrymen. On his return to Havana, he devoted himself to his law practice, but the insurrection in the eastern half of Cuba compelled him to take refuge in the United States in 1868. As soon as he arrived in New York, he was appointed President of the Cuban Committee, which was formed to aid the cause of the insurgents. The provisional government, having been established, entrusted Morales-Lemus with the task of obtaining from the United States government the recognition of their belligerent rights, in which he did not succeed. However, Morales-Lemus never gave up the struggle for Cuban Independence.

Today, his legacy continues because of the rare Cuba 1000 Peso Liberty Bond, a collector’s treasure. This important historic bond, issued in 1869, was the culmination of his struggle for Cuba’s independence. It is the first bond to be issued with the title “La Republica de Cuba”. It is the moral and spiritual foundation of Free Cuba. He issued it while in exile in New York, where he unsuccessfully tried to convince the United States to recognize Cuba as a free and sovereign Nation.

The bond is exquisitely engraved by the American Bank Note Company, but does not carry their insignia, because the company was concurrently producing currency for Spain, and did not want to provoke its ire. It is signed by Morales-Lemus and his compatriots. It features a beautiful Liberty pointing to the Cuban Star on a patriotic shield, surrounded by some of the finest steel engraving ever executed, all in rich green, like the lush hills of La Isla de Cuba. The obverse text is in Spanish and identifies Morales-Lemus as “Presidente de la Junta Central Republicana de Cuba y Puerto Rico”. This is because the people of Puerto Rico were closely allied with the people of Cuba in a shared struggle against harsh Spanish rule. The text ends with the statement (in Spanish) “And to the Performance and Payment of this Obligation the Honor and Faith of the people of Cuba is hereby pledged”. Sadly, the people of Cuba had to wait 29 more years to win the freedom promised by this historical document.

The bond is valued in the range of \$250 to \$1000’s, depending on the condition. Collectors must be very careful, since there are replicas in the marketplace that could pass as authentic.

The CNA is currently looking for a bond expert, who could provide assistance in the determination of replica vs. original.

**USS New York.** The story of the US Navy's next amphibious assault ship.

With a year to go before it even touches the water, the Navy's amphibious assault ship USS New York has already made history. It is being built with 24 tons of scrap metal from the **World Trade Center**. It is 50 percent complete and should be ready for launch in mid-2007.

Katrina disrupted construction when it pounded the Gulf Coast last fall, but the 684 foot vessel escaped serious damage, and workers were back at the yard near New Orleans two weeks after the storm.

It is the fifth in a new class of warship, designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.

"It would be fitting if the first mission the ship would go on is to make sure bin Laden is taken out, and his terrorist organization is taken out, as well," said Glenn Clement, a paint foreman. "He came in through the back door and knocked our towers down, and the USS New York is coming through the front door, and we want them to know that".

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, La., to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into molds on September 9, 2003, those "rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence", recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing. "It was a spiritual moment for everyone there".

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the World Trade Center steel first arrived, he touched it with hand and "the hair on my neck stood up". "It has a big meaning for all of us", he said. "They knocked us down. They can't keep us down. We're going to be back".

## **RARE CUBAN MEDALS SOLD AT STACK'S MAY 2006 AUCTION**

On May 23, four rare Cuban medals were auctioned and sold by Stack's, Inc. as part of the John J. Ford Collection. This was the second portion of medals being auctioned relating to early American, commonly referred to in the United States as the "Betts medals", after the author who first documented these US and European medals in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. These medals were one of Mr. Ford's favorite collecting interests, and he was able to acquire a multitude of significant rarities. Included in this auction were four rare medals, depicting the British siege of Morro Castle in June 1762.

Stack's auctioned four of these Morro Castle medals. Two are silver and two are bronze. They are identical, but in various conditions. The nicest (AU) silver medal bid opened at \$5000 and the medal was sold for \$12,000. The other (XF) silver medal sold for \$5000. The bronze medals sold for \$1100 and \$950, respectively.

The following image is of the reverse of the medal. An image of the obverse, depicting conjoined busts of Luis de Velasco and Vincenzo Gonzalez, commanders of El Morro Castle, is not provided.





**Defense of Morro Castle (Havana, Cuba), 1762. B.443.** Obverse signed PRIETO. **Silver.** 49.5 mm. 741.0 gns. Conjoined busts right of Luis de Velasco and Vincenzo Gonzalez, commanders of El Morro Castle; the powder magazine explodes as British infantry storm the breach defended. Choice About Uncirculated. Deep silver gray in color with iridescent blue and rose toning. Some surface roughness. A very pleasing piece nonetheless. **Rare:** there may be fewer than 25 to 35 of these surviving. The dies were engraved by Tomas Francisco Prieto, to the order of Charles III and the Academy of Arts. Prieto was chief engraver of the Spanish mints and was charged with the improvement of the quality and design of Spain's coinage. His most famous work is this medal.

Morro Castle was the principal fort guarding the channel entrance to the harbor of Havana, Cuba. The fort was constructed by Juan Bautista Antonelli in 1584, the same engineer who built the forts at Chagre and Porto Bello later captured by Admiral Vernon. Its twelve 36 pound guns were named the Twelve Apostles.

When Britain took Canada in 1760, Spain decided to join France and Austria in the hope of

countering British influence in the Caribbean. Britain declared war on Spain first (January 2, 1762) and by the end of August had taken most of Spain's island colonies. Britain sent more than 14,000 soldiers and over 200 ships to take Havana. British admiral Sir George Pocock sailed the fleet along the north coast of Cuba, directed by an old Spanish map and a cooperative pirate guide, and on June 6, 1762 appeared in Havana harbor to the surprise and shock of the defenders. Pocock landed his infantry under cover of a naval bombardment and the troops took position below the castle. Siege works were soon started and at that point, the defense of Morro Castle was hopeless. Defenders Gonzalez and Velasco both fell facing their enemy, sword in hand.

Young grenadier captain Vicente Manuel de Zepedes y Velasco led five separate relief efforts into the castle and on June 29 captained a sortie into the British lines that successfully spiked the siege mortars. For this action he was cited by his king. Zepedes went on to become interim governor of Cuba at Santiago and governor of East Florida. At least one of the British regiments that fought at Havana, the 54th Foot, was given HAVANA as a battle honor. Ironically, the fortress and its city were returned to Spain the following year by the terms of the Treaty of Paris. Britain received the two Floridas in return. Ten years later, Britain returned East and West Florida to Spain and in 1789 Zepedes struck the famous Florida proclamation medal (Medina 148) that bears his name and that was sold last January in Part 13 of the Ford Collection sales.

*Ex Wayte Raymond Estate.*

#### **LOCATOR FOR COIN DEALERS**

[http://find.mapmuse.com/re1/interest.php?brandID=COIN\\_DEALERS](http://find.mapmuse.com/re1/interest.php?brandID=COIN_DEALERS)

All coin dealers are on this web site.

### **2007 WORLD COIN CATALOG will be split into two volumes because of the lofty size of the 33<sup>rd</sup> (2006) edition.**

One book will be limited to 1901 through 2000, and the new issue will cover 2001 through current mintages. Since 2001, countries have significantly increased the number of bullion related coins and commemoratives. Pricing has yet to be determined, but expect to pay more for the two than the single 2006 (33<sup>rd</sup> Edition).

#### **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.

#### **WEBSITES WITH INFORMATION ABOUT CUBA.**

[www.havanajournal.com](http://www.havanajournal.com) Non-partisan in most cases.

<http://cuban-exile.com/menu1/%21menu.html> Very partisan.



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>

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)

## 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)
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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)
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  9. Cuban Collectibles N Things. <http://stores.ebay.com/cubancollectiblesnthings>  
Free S&H to all CNA members. Sarita
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  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 2000banknotes 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.
  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.
9. One Hundred each 1950 1,000 Peso notes. Note is Pick #84. Picture of Thomas Estrada Palma, first President of the Republic of Cuba 1902-1906. Contact C.K. Graham, Memphis, Tennessee. Tel. # 901 3880059.
  10. Modern Cuban Exchange, Visitor and minted coinage.  
Exchange: centavos (1998-2006), 5c (2003-6), 10c (2000-7), 25c (2003-6), 50c (1995 – 2006), Peso (1999-2006), 5 Peso (Che 2000-6).  
Visitor: centavos (1989a&b, 1998a&b), 5c (1982a&b), 10c (1982a&b), 25c (1982a&b, 1989a&b), Peso (1989).  
Minted for general circulation: centavos (1982, 1998-2006), 2c (1987-2006), 5c (1966, 2000-6), 20c (2000-6), Peso (Marti 2000-6), Peso (Patria Muerte 1990-2006), 3 Peso (Che 1993, 2001-6).  
Also interested in purchasing 1995 Dual Commemorative Issue Pesos: 45 Anniversary of Central Banking in Cuba, and 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Jose Marti.  
Contact Angel Giannotti at [agiannotti@gmail.com](mailto:agiannotti@gmail.com).
  11. P-84's (\$1000 Peso) notes. Contact G.K. Graham at [bbq\\_n\\_blues@webtv.net](mailto:bbq_n_blues@webtv.net) or 901 3880059.

#### 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.

## 2006 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 \_\_\_\_\_