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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.*

*A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR WISH FROM THE CNA and IT'S OFFICERS.*

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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. uestros 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 el los E.U.A. y no estamos afiliados a ninguna entidad de ningún otro país cuyo nombre en español pueda ser similar.)*

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 9<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 5-8, 2012.**

**ANNUAL CNA MEETING - SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.  
Room number to be provided later.**

Members are encouraged to consider nomination for the following positions that are up for re-election: President, Treasurer, and four 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 an incumbent. ANY organization needs fresh leadership to grow and prosper, and Officers and Directors tend to lose some energy after too many years in office. Please consider this opportunity to become an Officer or Director of your CNA. An application form is included at the end of the newsletter for interested members who wish to run for office. A single requirement is that the person(s) is required to attend the annual meetings, associated with the FUN Coin Show in Orlando, FL each January. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the General meeting. The meeting agenda will include elections, old and new business, door prizes, and an auction of articles brought by attendees. IF a member, who will not attend the meeting, is interested in placing article(s) in the auction, please contact Frank Putrow NLT 12-26-11. Door prizes are broken down in two categories: (1) single tickets given at no charge to attendees, who could win up to five door prizes, and (2) 50/50 tickets sold for \$1 ea. or 6 for \$5. The 50/50 ticket holders could win any of five prizes, and 50% of the tickets sold. THIS YEAR, CNA MEMBERS WHO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE 50/50 DRAWING. Any member interested in participating may purchase 50/50 tickets in advance. Checks, made out to Cuban Numismatic Assn., may be sent to Frank Putrow (2175 Oak Grove Dr., Clearwater, FL. 33764) or Paypal ([Fxputrow@aol.com](mailto:Fxputrow@aol.com)) - add \$1 to cover Paypal fees. Frank will act on your behalf, and provide you the drawing results. Prizes will be mailed to winners. Your CNA will have a table (#455) in the bourse, manned by volunteers. Various items will be available at the table, and the Cuban Type Set Books will be available for sale. Stop by and say "HELLO".

The FUN lists seven hotels within walking distance:

1. The Hilton. Rate is \$202.
2. The Peabody. Rate is \$199.
3. The Rosen Centre. Rate is \$165.
4. The Rosen Plaza. Rate is \$152. 10-12 minute walk.
5. The Hampton Inn. Rate is \$112d/\$122k. 15 minute walk.
6. The Holiday Inn. Rate is \$119. 3 Block walk.
7. The Rosen Inn (formerly Quality Inn). Check FUN Website for rates. 5 Block walk.

On-line reservations can be made at [www.FunTopics.com](http://www.FunTopics.com), or call 800 2826632. 8:30am to 5:30pm. Email: [conventionhousing@baltimore.org](mailto:conventionhousing@baltimore.org)

## 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:

#### **Member Profile – Mark Lighterman, Member # 43**

Mark Lighterman started young into coins. At the age of 10, he bought a buffalo nickel for a quarter from a vending machine. Once he got the bug, he tried to collect stamps and swords, but once the announcement of a new error coin surfaced, he began looking for the 1972 double die Lincoln cent. Around the same time he was taken under the wings of a local coin shop dealer in Coral Gables, Florida and was introduced to other types of error coins. He joined both the ANA and the National Error Collectors of America in 1974. From there, he began attending the FUN show for only a day and struck up a friendship with another error collector, Ed Colwell, which lasted a life time. The two of them traveled the US attending major shows and started setting up at many of them. Fully involved with errors, especially wrong planchet errors, Mark began to give talks and writing articles on errors, and has a list of both too long to list here.

Mark started the South Florida Error and Variety Collectors Club. Though short lived, it did have a membership of over 40 members when it was formed.

In between collecting, Mark left South Florida to attend college in New York. Graduating with a degree in Mathematics, he returned back to Florida to work on his Masters degree from University of Miami. He worked on various computer projects, writing programs for the University of Miami Medical School, the Navajo tribe in Arizona and other companies.

He was introduced into the movie industry, developing software for crews to use laptops on sets to keep production notes. From there, he trained as a continuity supervisor which he still does today.

Still collecting, Mark started looking at his love of casino chips. He was one of the charter members of the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, still holding number Ch-006 in the club. At the beginning, there were only a very few books written on chips to help the collector build a collection that, once filled, would be considered complete. Mark's compulsion for completeness has helped him build a collection of Florida gambling chips, resulting in a 25 year research into the history of Florida gambling. Mark has traced the history of gambling in Florida back to the 1830's, and cataloged over 2000 chips used in Florida gambling establishments. Mark has authored three books on Florida gambling history, with *The Complete Guide to Florida Gambling Establishments Both Past and Present* winning the TAMS Mishler Cataloging award for best catalog of the year. In digging through the history of gambling, his paths have taken him from those who ran the gambling operations in South Florida to those who ran similar operations in Cuba, noting that many of the chips used in Florida were also used later in Cuba.

Mark is also known for his service to coin clubs. He has been an officer in eight organizations, at multiple levels, for multiple terms, spanning almost thirty years. He still holds office in multiple clubs including TAMS, Florida Token Society, Florida Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club, CONECA. and is the current National Exhibit Coordinator for the ANA.

#### **CNA Member B.J. Geissinger awarded best World Signature Set Collection.**

#### **PMG 2011 Awards – BEST WORLD SET**

**BJG-Cuba**

[Banco Nacional de Cuba \(1949-1960 issues\)](#)

**Judges' Comments:** This set comes from the Signature Set category and like the other award winning sets is an ambitious undertaking. BJG-Cuba is working to complete a full set of Banco Nacional de Cuba notes issued from 1949-1960. This outstanding set includes 92 notes with images, and BJG-Cuba is nearing 100% completion with just 20 notes to go. 89% of this set is graded Uncirculated or better with 87% including the EPQ designation. Considering many Banco Nacional de Cuba issues have been mounted, this is an impressive achievement. This set is also extraordinary due to its wide variety of proofs, specimens and printers essays along with regular and commemorative issues from Thomas de la Rue and the American Bank Note Company. BJG-Cuba has added a wonderful Signature Set, and we would only expect this trend to continue as world bank notes become exceedingly popular with Cuba nearing the top of the list.

Note: BJG has since added many notes, and will be eligible for the PMG 2012 Awards. His collection can be viewed at <http://notes.www.collectors-society.com/news/ViewArticle.aspx?IDArticle=2385>  
Click on Banco Nacional de Cuba (1949-1960 Issues)

**CONGRATULATIONS B.J.!!!!**

\*\*\*\*\***HELP THE HUNGRY, ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME**\*\*\*\*\*

**Since the beginning of mankind, the less fortunate have humbled themselves as they sought assistance and food from the more fortunate. In Cuba, the needy have openly beseeched help. The article below, published by Blas E. Padrino on Examiner.com, was recently posted on La Historia De Cuba Hasta El 1959.**

### **THE GENTLEMAN FROM PARIS.**

In the 1940s and 50s, Havana, like other cities around the world, had its share of beggars. However, unlike its larger American counterparts, one would seldom see a panhandler anywhere other than in the immediate area around a church; and only the old, the feeble or the disabled were ever found there asking for a handout. To the residents of Havana of the time, being approached for money by a person who appeared physically fit to work was considered offensive. Such beggars would be immediately arrested for vagrancy and carted off to jail.

However, there were a handful of street characters who weren't considered strictly beggars, but who scratched a living by squeezing a nickel here, a dime there, from sympathetic passersby without even asking. They became part of the urban scene that gave Havana its unique flavor. Most famous among them was *El Caballero de París* (the Gentleman from Paris). The *Caballero* had a long, disheveled mane and curly, scraggly beard. He wore dark clothes and wrapped himself in a black cloak, which he didn't remove even during the hottest of Cuban summer days. He always carried a sheaf of papers in his arms and a satchel into which he crammed the rest of his meager belongings. As he wandered around the *Acera del Louvre* area in Old Havana's *Paseo del Prado*, he'd appear to an observer as a Cyrano de Bergerac gone to seed.

The *Caballero* never accepted money from strangers, but only from those persons who'd made his acquaintance, and listened to his gentle philosophical ramblings about life and society. In exchange, his benefactors would receive a hand-drawn postcard, a pencil decorated with ribbons or, if the sympathetic listener was a lady, a flower.

Many legends surrounded the *Caballero*, most of them apocryphal, concerning his background and the reasons for his eccentricity. The most popular – and understandable, given the romantic mentality of the era – was that



the *Caballero* had been driven mad by the tragic death of a young lover. The popularity of this Cuban 'gentleman from Paris' grew to the point where he made guest appearances on various television shows, including one in which, along with two other Havana street figures, 'The Marquise' and 'Cat's Whiskers,' served as judges in an amateur talent show. The famous composer of *danzóns*, Antonio María Romeu, even wrote a song about the *Caballero*, which singer Barbarito Diez interpreted and turned into a hit. Its refrain, loosely translated as "look who's coming down the street. It's the gentleman from Paris," is one of the most familiar in the genre. The *Caballero* died in a Cuban mental institution in 1989. However, he has not been forgotten. There's a section of 36th Street in Miami, Florida, named Caballero de París Boulevard. His remains rest in the Convent of St. Francis Assisi in Havana and a life-size statue of the man whose given name was José María López Lledín, but to everyone was known as *El Caballero de París*, adorns the sidewalk outside the convent, while his memory, like a ghost, still roams the streets of Old Havana. (Above right: *El Caballero de París* vintage photo).

### **INTERESTED IN READING ABOUT MANY INTERESTING CUBAN HISTORY SUBJECTS THAT TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO 1959 ???**

**Joe Algazi Pino, a CNA member, posts these articles on his FACEBOOK page.**

**Copy and Paste:**

**<http://www.facebook.com/groups/127793327330818/137331719710312/>**

**QUIZ: Ernest Hemingway lived in Cuba a good part of the 1930' and 1940's. Always a romantic, how many times did he marry?**

**Answer on page 8.**

### **American Half Dimes circulated in Cuba, by Rudy Valentin**



After the Spanish American War, during the American occupation of the Island, the Americans who traveled into the interior were surprised to receive silver American half dimes in their change. These coins, minted from 1795 to 1873, were no longer in circulation in the United States, but were used in Cuba and other West Indian Islands that had extreme necessities of small change, such as 2 ½ centimos. All these coins were punched and had no use in the U.S., so apparently some enterprising person brought them to the island during the coinage scarcity which affected the West Indies during the nineteenth century. It is unknown how they were entered into the money exchange market, nor how many of these little coins were exported to Cuba, but recent reports are that you can

still find some there, however, in very bad shape and not in your change, but in the hands of collectors and individuals.

These coins were used mostly in the towns of the interior and even after the 1915/16 Cuban national coinage was issued.

US collectors are aware of the rarity of the 1794 (dated) to 1805 half dimes, whereas the 1829-1873 issues could have been feasible for the purpose of this coin shortage.

## CIA COUNTERFEIT - BAY OF PIGS ISSUE



Since the invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs by CIA backed Cubans was a covert operation, supposed "locals", flashing gold or foreign currency was deemed too noticeable. With relation's non-existent with the Castro regime and not wanting to alert Castro, fake notes were printed for the invasion force of about 1200. These all bear series F69 and F70. All this secrecy was of course for not, with Castro waiting for the invasion. The forged note, a 20 Peso note, depicts Camilo Cienfuegos on the front and troops in the

jungle on reverse. Cienfuegos died in a mysterious plane crash soon after the Cuban Revolution.

### AUCTION RESULTS of CUBAN NUMISMATIC ITEMS, including BP (SB) Stacks Bowers November 2011 Baltimore Sale #163

1897 Souvenir Peso M2	BU	(BP)	- \$ 519.20
1897 Souvenir Peso M3	NGC MS62	(BP)	- 767.00
1915 Centavo	NGC PF65	(BP)	- 1,180.00
1915 2 Centavo	NGC PF65	(BP)	- 1,770.00
1934 Peso (Star)	NGC MS64	(BP)	- 265.50
1936 Peso	NGC MS63	(BP)	- 413.00
1937 Peso	NGC AU55	(BP)	- 560.50
1916 2 Peso Gold	NGC MS62	(BP)	- 289.10
1915 5 Peso Gold	AU	(BP)	- 424.80
1915 5 Peso Gold	AU	(BP)	- 436.60
1916 5 Peso Gold	NGC MS63	(BP)	- 572.30
1915 20 Peso Gold	AU	(BP)	- 2,065.00
1889 (28.10) 50 Centavo Banco Espanol de la Habana	AU	(BP)	- 678.50

**TWO UPCOMING AUCTIONS HAVE MANY CHOICE CUBAN COINS FOR SALE.**

HERITAGE AUCTIONS (<http://www.ha.com>) WILL AUCTION THESE COINS AT THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) 2012 January 2 & 3 World & Ancient Coins Signature Auction #3016 – includes proclamations, 1870 coinage, 1897/98 Souvenirs, and many other rare items. Total 68 listings.
- (2) 2102 January 10 & 11 World non-floor Session #3017. Total 81 listings.

**CNA now on FACEBOOK!**

**ANSWER TO QUIZ ON PAGE 6:**

**Ernest Hemingway was married 4 times:**

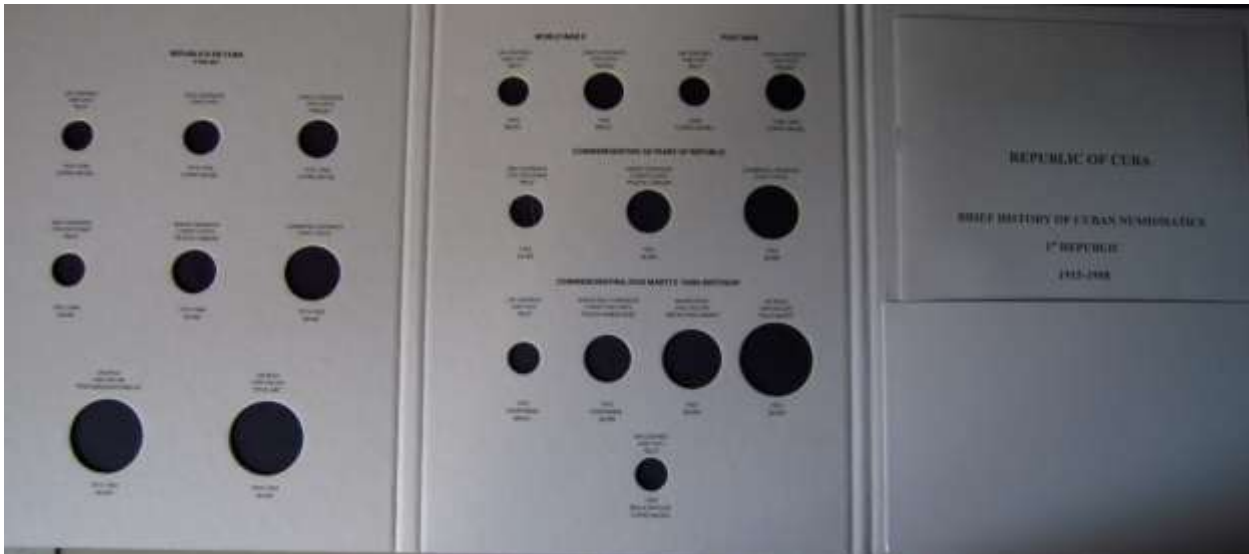
**Hadley Richardson – 1921**

**Pauline Pfeiffer – 1927**

**Martha Gellhorn – 1940**

**Mary Welsh – 1946 in Cuba.**

**Ernest wrote 7 novels, plus 3 more that were published posthumously.**



**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.

**ONLY 31 BOOKS ARE LEFT. NO CURRENT PLANS TO REPRINT.**

## FROM THE KITCHEN

### Editor's FAVORITE Soup

#### Caldo Gallego



#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup dry white beans
- 3/4 lb Spanish chorizo
- 1 lb flank steak, cubed
- small ham hock
- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 2 to 3 oz piece of salt pork
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1/2 lb turnip greens without stems
- 2 potatoes, peeled and diced small
- \* ground pepper
- \* salt
- \* 1/4 cup celery
- \* 3 quarts of water
- \* 1 onion, chopped

#### PREPARATION:

Steps:

Place beans in pan and cover with water. Boil for about five minutes. Remove from heat and let stand in water overnight.

Drain the beans and place in a pan with 3 quarts of water. Add the cubed flank steaks, pork, hock, peppers and onions. Add 1 tsp of salt. Cover and bring to a boil, set heat to low, let simmer for 1 1/2 hours.

Cut the chorizos in 1/2 inch slices and wash diced potatoes under running water.

Add the chorizo, potatoes and turnip greens to pot and let simmer for another 30 minutes. If necessary continue cooking until the beans are tender. Taste and adjust for salt and pepper.

Serve hot.

**ENJOY!!**

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**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. Alex sent the following email:

Note: Alex lives in Havana, Cuba and does not speak English, so this email will be in Spanish. I apologize to the non-Spanish members.

Alex: hola me llamo alex y vivo en la habana cuba, entre a este sitio y (<http://www.cubanumis.com/knowledge/CubanCoinageAsAnAlternative%28sp%29.html>) y, buscando informacion, pues yo tengo en mi poder varias monedas de oro con valor de 5 pesos son emitidas en el año 1916, son de oro 22k y pesan 3.3g, las quiero vender pero no se, nada de precios y esas cosas, si me pudieras ayudar gracias atentamente. (Sic)

Editor: Hola Alex,

Gracias por el email con respecto al cubano 1916 5 monedas del Peso.

Usted indicó que las monedas eran el oro 22k y 3.3g. La moneda de 5 Pesos es realmente 8.35g, pero el cubano 1916 moneda de 2 Pesos es 3.34g. ¿Podían las monedas ser 2 Pesos?

El cubano 1915 y 1916 2 monedas del Peso está actualmente digno de \$175 - \$250 USD, dependiendo de la condición. Si la moneda se ha protegido bien y considerado uncirculated, valdría los saludos Alex, 200 de \$ o más.

¡Deseando a le y a su familia Navidad bendecida!

Alex: hola gracias por responder, disculpas por la mala informacion anterior el problema es que, donde la pese no me dijeron bien y es como usted dice realmente pesa 8.35g, es la de 5 pesos de 1916, la moneda esta en perfecto estado, entonces que valor tiene realmente, supongo que mas que las de 2 pesos, y otra cosa importante, la quiero vender, si me diera alguna recomendacion se lo agradeceria. muchisimas gracias de antemano y que pase una feliz navidad. (Sic)

Editor: Hola Alex,  
agradece su por el email reciente.

No hablo español mucho, así que no soy exactamente seguro sobre su contestación.

El Peso cain del cubano 5 del cubano 1916 se valora a partir el \$450 a \$600, dependiendo de la condición.

Uncirculated la moneda valdrá un mínimo de \$475. 1915 moneda de 5 Pesos vale cerca de \$10 más.

No puedo ayudarle con respecto a su deseo de vender las monedas. El embargo de los US evita que la importación o exportemos de cualquier característica con Cuba en este tiempo. No podré darle una referencia en este tiempo. Quizás, hay un proceso en Cuba que usted pueda utilizar para vender a un distribuidor español o canadiense. Si usted tiene acceso a Ebay.com, usted debe encontrar a distribuidor seleccionando "monedas cubanos".

The last correspondence with Alex indicated that he was going to try to sell the 5 peso gold coin for \$500 on Ebay. This is interesting because Alex was free to openly correspond with your editor AND seems to have access to Ebay.

By the way, your editor apologizes for the feeble attempt to write in Spanish. Thank goodness for the Translator software.

## #2. Linda sent the following email:

I was wondering where I can find information regarding Cuban traveler's coins. More specifically, what is the die axis of the 1994 10 cent coin.

Any help is greatly appreciated!

EDITOR: Thank you for the email regarding the Cuban 1994 CUC 10 centavo. I am not familiar with the term "die axis". Can you elaborate further?

LINDA: When you hold a coin in your fingers the flip the coin, the axis is the rotation from front to back. Here in Canada, our money doesn't rotate. When you hold a Canadian coin and flip it on its horizontal axis (side to side) the coin faces the same direction. American coins have a 180 degree rotation. When you flip it horizontally, it's up-side-down.

All of the convertible coins I have from Cuba flip/rotate like the American ones ... Except for my 1994 10 cent coin, it flips like a Canadian coin.

I'm just wondering if that is considered an error coin or if the 1994 coins were made that way? I tried to find the information online for a few days and can't get any details on rotation.

Editor: Thanks for the inquiry. I definitely learned something.

I've been collecting coins for 13 years, and this is the first time I have heard the term "die axis". I have encountered coins with "upright reverse" and "medal alignment" in the past, without researching the WHY or WHO, but did not know the term "die axis".

I have a few Cuban CUCs, so I checked them out. The results are as follows:

6 each 1994 5c (KM575.1) - All 5 are medal alignment, same as Canadian coins.  
4 each 1994 10c (KM576.1) - All 3 are medal alignment, same as Canadian coins.  
2 each 1994 25c (KM577.1) - Both are medal alignment, same as Canadian coins.  
2 each 1996 5c (KM575.2) - Both are upright reverse, same as American coins.  
2 each 1996 10c (KM576.2) - Both are upright reverse, same as American coins.  
5 each 1998 25c (KM577.2) - All are upright reverse, same as American coins.  
Krause World Coin Catalog lists all these coins, as well as the "die axis", but the catalog refers to upright reverse as "coin alignment".  
In summary, the Cuban Mint changed the dies after 1994. I cannot tell you WHY at this time.

### **#3. Rick sent the following email:**

Each Marti gold coin I have has printed the gram weight on them. Is that the weight of the total coin or just the gold content? I know that each coin is 90% gold. So I am curious what this weight represents.

EDITOR: The traditional unit for gold is the troy ounce of the Anglo-Saxon system of weights and measurements, in spite of gradual conversion to the metric system in the United States. The grams referenced in Krauses SC of WC, or on the gold coin itself, does not make it very clear to the numismatist. For example: The Cuban 1915/16 Marti 5 Peso gold coin is inscribed 8.3592g, .900 gold. The Krause SC of WC further provides .2419 oz. AGW. The AGW stands for "Actual Gold Weight" in troy ounces.

Thus the Cuban 5 Peso gold coin AGW weight is derived as follows:  
8.3592 oz. (metric) divided by 31.1035 (troy ounce) equals .2688 troy ounces.  
.2688 times .900 (gold content) equals .2419 AGW.  
Using a benchmark of \$1700 gold price, the coin is worth \$411.23 in gold value.

Silver is also measured in troy ounces, and ASW can be calculated accordingly.

### **CNA MEMBERSHIP LIST TO BE PURGED OF ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 2010 and 2011 MEMBERSHIP DUES.**

Forty two CNA members will no longer receive their quarterly newsletter by email or US Postal Service, effective January 2012. Numerous attempts have been made to contact these members over the last 6 months regarding membership dues. We have lost contact with some, others have not responded, while others have elected to end their membership. This is a sad time for the CNA, because many of the members have been active for 5 years or more.

However, dues are necessary to meet the CNA's operation expenses, and it is not fair to all the loyal members who have been responsive to the annual \$10 dues.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

MANY OF THE WANT ADS BELOW ARE QUITE OLD AND THEIR STATUS IS UNCERTAIN.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL WANT ADS WILL BE REMOVED**

## BEGINNING 2012. MEMBERS MAY PLACE NEW ADS, OR REQUEST THE THEY REMAIN AS IS.

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### WANT ADS

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Cuban ANACS MS62 1939 ABC Peso (list \$175) - \$130, includes SH&I.  
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1. Modest collector desires Cuban coins with ships highlighted on obverse. Contact Bob Freeman at [rafre5@hotmail.com](mailto:rafre5@hotmail.com)
2. Modern Cuban Exchange, Visitor and minted coinage:  
In the TYPE of NORMAL CIRCULATION in CUP = 1 Centavo, 5 Centavos, 20 Centavos from the years 2009-2010-2011. In Paper Money, the same for the TYPE = CUP from 2009-2010-2011.  
From the TYPE known as CONVERTIBLE = CUC = 25 Centavos = 2008. From the Years 2009-2010-2011=1 Centavo, 5 Centavos, 10 Centavos, 25 Centavos, 50 Centavos and \$1 Peso all in CUC TYPE= COINS. And the Paper Money in TYPE = CUC = \$1 Peso, \$3 Pesos, \$5 Pesos, \$10 Pesos, \$20 Pesos, \$50 Pesos and \$100 Pesos from YEARS = 2009-2010-2011.  
Contact Angel Giannotti at [agiannotti@gmail.com](mailto:agiannotti@gmail.com). 062611
3. 1937 ABC Peso and Gold 1915 4 Peso in VF-XF condition with no problems. Contact Tom Galway at [tpgalway1@charter.net](mailto:tpgalway1@charter.net)

4. Cuban 1997 (KM 708 & 709) Pope John Paul II 100 Gold Pesos. Contact L. Plonka (Canada) at [leszekp@rogers.com](mailto:leszekp@rogers.com) or 905 6080747.
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