

Liberty's Outlook

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When Will Gold And Silver Prices Soar?

It seems like I am asked multiple times every day a question about when gold and silver prices will be going up. As I have explained before, no one knows the precise answer.

Actually, the prices of gold and silver, from their thousands of years of history as serving as money, never change. An ounce of gold or silver today is still worth the same ounce of gold or silver in coinage from 2,500 years ago.

What does change is the value of current circulating fiat money (that is, one not backed by a tangible asset).

If looked at more precisely, the correct question to ask is when will the value of the US dollar sink.

Every month, I list more reasons why the US dollar is destined to drop in value. Many reasons point to a high likelihood that the dollar will decline in the near future.

Just after Labor Day in 2011, the price of gold surpassed \$1,900. At the end of April 2011, silver almost reached \$50.00. The prices of both metals are much lower today. Even more, the US Dollar Index has hit its highest level in four years!

On the surface, a common sense evaluation would be that whatever negative circumstances drove gold and silver prices to those somewhat lofty levels in 2011 have now been

2014 Year To Date Results

As of August 25, 2014

Precious Metals

Palladium	+25.2%
Gold	+6.3%
Platinum	+4.0%
Silver	+0.0%

Numismatics

US MS-63 \$20 St Gaudens	+3.0%
US MS-65 Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921	+2.7%
US MS-63 \$20 Liberty	+1.5%

US Dollar vs Foreign Currencies

Euro	+4.2%
Canada Dollar	+3.4%
Switzerland Franc	+2.5%
South Africa Rand	+2.0%
China Yuan	+1.6%
Mexico Peso	+0.9%
Hong Kong Dollar	+0.0%
Great Britain Pound	-0.1%
Singapore Dollar	-1.0%
Japan Yen	-1.2%
New Zealand Dollar	-1.5%
Indian Rupee	-2.1%
South Korea Won	-3.6%
Australia Dollar	-4.1%
Brazil Real	-3.1%

U.S. Dollar Index	82.55	+3.0%
Sao Paulo Bovespa		+16.0%

US And World Stock Market Indices

NASDAQ	+8.9%	
S&P 500	+8.1%	
Shanghai Composite	+5.4%	
Australia S&P/ASX 200	+5.3%	
Dow Jones World (excluding US)	+3.5%	
Dow Jones Industrial Average	+3.0%	
London FT 100	+0.4%	
Russell 2000	+0.1%	
Frankfurt Xetra DAX	-0.4%	
Nikkei 225	-4.2%	
10 Year US Treasury Note interest rate	2.391%	-21.09%

Wholesale Food Commodities

Butter, AA Chicago	+81.4%
Hogs, Sioux Falls	+26.3%
Beef, Choice	+19.4%
Cheddar Cheese, Bulk Chicago	+13.3%
Broilers, Dressed A	+7.3%
Oats, #2 Milling Minneapolis	+0.6%
Soybeans, #1 Yellow	-1.2%
Flour, Hard Winter KC	-1.7%
Corn, #2 Yellow	-10.5%
Eggs, Large White Chicago	-13.2%

Intrinsic Metal Value Of U.S. Coins

Lincoln cent, 1959-1982	2.13¢
Lincoln cent, 1982-date	0.62¢
Jefferson nickel, non-silver	4.99¢
Roosevelt dime, 1965-date	2.26¢
Washington quarter, 1965-date	5.65¢
Kennedy half dollar, 1971-date	11.31¢

managed, resolved, cured, or ameliorated.

I don't think anyone today would argue that the US and world's political and financial problems today are much improved over three years ago.

Last fall I had the honor of co-interviewing Eric Sprott, the founder of Sprott Asset Management in Canada. In 2011, the value of his precious metals holdings were high enough that *Forbes* included him among its list of the world's

billionaires.

One of the questions I asked Eric is what he knew now that he wished he had known when he entered the investment world 40 years ago. His answer was that sometimes an apparently obvious market move should happen in the near future, but that most people were often so dense that it could take a very long time for that result to occur.

I think that is exactly the state of the US

Value Of US Dollar As Measured Against Gold

Value of \$1.00 at creation of Federal Reserve in 1913	0.0484 tr oz
Value of \$1.00 today	0.0008 tr oz
Change in value of US Dollar against gold since 1913	-98.3%

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and the world's financial and political we face today. Every day that it takes for the US dollar to decline simply means that the inevitable fall will be worse than if it occurred now.

Rather than listing lots of specific points for the US dollar to be declining, let me simply list some bedrock reasons why the collapse of the dollar is going to happen, whether sooner or later.

Why The US Dollar Is Doomed

1) The US government has been in debt for the past ninety years. Not since Calvin Coolidge was president has the federal government been solvent.

If you add the unfunded liabilities incurred each year for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other personal and business welfare programs, the federal government has not had a balanced budget for any one year in several decades. On an accurate accrual basis of accounting, the federal government is now running annual deficits in the range of three to ten trillion dollars.

The accumulated debt and the present value of already existing unfunded liabilities that are promised to be paid in the future amount to somewhere in the \$50 trillion to \$200 trillion range, depending on actuarial assumptions and the rate of future inflation.

This is a financial burden so large that it will never be paid off. According to the latest data from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, the US government's debt (not counting unfunded liabilities) is already 103% of Gross Domestic Product. Every nation whose government has incurred that level of debt has seen its currency eventually fail.

2) After World War 2, the United States became the world's banker because of its massive gold reserves. Central banks were able, until 1971,

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to turn in their US dollars and receive gold at a fixed exchange rate. As a result, US dollars were used to for pricing and payment of close to 100% of all international transactions.

In the process, other nations exported goods and services to America in return for Federal Reserve Notes. Between currency and US Treasury debt, foreigners have recently held as much as \$12 trillion in US dollars. This effectively served as a no- or low-cost loan to the US government.

As other nations become more prosperous, they can consider conducting international transactions and payments in their own currencies or at least not in US dollars. The US dollar has fallen in use to now about 60% of all international payments.

As dollars now flow from foreigners back to the US government, it is being forced to provide goods and services in return for redeeming the paper promises. That further increases the federal budget deficit and will eventually force the US Treasury to pay higher interest rates in order to persuade investors to accept its debt.

From once being the world's largest creditor nation, the Commerce Department reported in 1985 that the US had become a net debtor country. Today, the United States is the world's largest debtor nation.

3) For decades, the United States has been and continues to be the world's policeman. Its military budget is larger than several of the next largest national defense budgets combined. Such far-reaching military action not only wastes resources, human and financial, it also destroys wealth.

Right now, no matter how the politicians in Washington try to obfuscate it, America is fighting a war in Iraq and Syria against the Islamic State. President Obama may try to pretend that there is no war if troops are not on the ground in those two countries (ignoring embassy guards, technical advisors, and covert operatives), but the US military is engaged in violent action.

Further, the US is also now engaged in an economic war against Russia. Some of these costs will never show up as government expenditures when Americans have to personally pay higher prices for goods and services in place of the low-cost imports that are no longer available.

By the way, an old adage points out that if goods and services cannot cross borders, soldiers will. Where will US troops fight next? Iraq, Syria, Israel, Iran, Egypt, Libya, Afghanistan, the Ukraine, the Baltic nations, or where?

4) Bread and circuses helped bring down the Roman Empire. In the United States welfare has taken the form of Social Security,

Patrick A. Heller's Upcoming Speeches and Appearances

September 18, Flint, Michigan, Flint Flying Eagle Coin Club meeting, "Collecting Coins For Fun And Profit", at Kettering University at 7:00 PM.

October 7, Okemos, Michigan, Okemos Kiwanis meeting, "Collecting Coins For Fun And Profit", at the Okemos Community Church, 4374 Okemos Road at 6:00 PM.

October 23, Spokane, Washington, 2014 Silver Summit, showing of the movie *Alongside Night* at the AMC River Park Square 20 & IMAX Theater, 8:30 PM. The first 100 attendees at Silver Summit 2014 to ask will receive a complimentary ticket courtesy of Silver Summit and Liberty Coin Service. Other tickets may be purchased in advance, beginning about September 19 at <http://www.tugg.com/titles/alongside-night>. No tickets sold at the theater.

October 24, Spokane, Washington, 2014 Silver Summit, "Why You Should Own Some Bullion-Priced Physical Silver" Registration for the entire conference is either \$40 or one ounce of silver at the door. Contact: <https://cambridgehouse.com/event/32/the-silver-summit-2014>.

For more information on any event or to arrange for a presentation by Patrick A. Heller, call 800-933-4720 or email path@libertycoinservice.com.

Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, unemployment compensation, disability benefits, government schools, and on an on—all provided now by government instead of by the private sector as was formerly done.

Today about 50% of the American population depends on receiving a government check. Every year, the number of beneficiaries increase while the number of taxpayers declines.

On the more accurate accrual basis of accounting governments in the US are spending more than \$16,000 per person every year on these benefit programs. Most of these expenses are hidden from the public because they are unfunded promises to pay future benefits. Such unchecked spending will doom the federal government into bankruptcy or the destruction of the dollar by hyperinflation. If I were a gambler, I would put my bet on hyperinflation.

Just from these four bedrock reasons, the US dollar will collapse—someday.

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But that is not all that the politicians in Washington should be worrying about.

World's First Fully Gold-Denominated Bond To Hurt The US Dollar

Two weeks ago, Rand Merchant Bank, South Africa's second largest bank, listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange a new 5-year security called FirstRand Gold Bond. This issue is limited to 2 billion rand, which is about 188 million US dollars.

The unique feature of these bonds is that they are possibly the world's first fully gold-denominated bond. Investors may only purchase the bonds by using South Africa 1-ounce gold Krugerrands for payment. Minimum purchase size is one Krugerrand.

At maturity, the value of the bonds is determined by the price of gold, the dollar to rand exchange rate, and the earned interest. Owners can take redemption in either Krugerrands or in currency. The value of the bonds is fixed in ounces of gold rather than any currency.

Dale Wood, the co-head of the Bank's Capital Markets operations touted the advantages of such bonds when saying, "The notes provide direct exposure to the rand gold price and a positive yield in the form of interest ounces payable on maturity. It offers both inflation and rand/dollar exchange rate protection while avoiding the significant storage and administration costs associated with other direct gold investment options available. Current market conditions are particularly attractive for gold investment because of rand/dollar weakness and expectations of higher inflation."

Constant liquidity is theoretically provided as these bonds are bought and sold on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. The JSE has been in operation since 1887, which provides some assurance of stability.

Before you call your broker to purchase these bonds, let me warn you that there are some drawbacks, especially for Americans.

The issuance of gold-denominated bonds, especially if repeated by other issuers, would

be an attack against the US dollar. Possible US government reactions could include economic sanctions against owners of such bonds or the nations from which such bonds are issued.

Also, requirements imposed by the US government on July 1 under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act make it difficult if not impossible for Americans to acquire these gold bonds. If Americans can buy them, the Bank would be required to report to the Internal Revenue Service every three months balances held by Americans. At a minimum, this is a serious compromise of financial privacy.

In other words, in reaction to the threat against the US dollar posed by the foreign issue of gold-denominated bonds, the US government may punish private Americans. Does that make sense to you?

What To Do Now?

As you look at the four bedrock reasons for the US dollar to sink, I think it is obvious that politicians, if they have any desire to be re-elected, have no interest in trying to reverse any of these problems. Therefore, it is up to people to look out for themselves.

In a sane world, the US dollar would have already collapsed from hyperinflation. The politicians are pulling every trick in the world, other than doing what would be right, to push the day of reckoning as far into the future as possible.

Financial and political crises around the world are so bad that the crack up could happen almost at any time. At the other extreme, it could be years from now. So, what do you do today when you don't know how long it will take for the dollar to decline?

The answer is easy. To the extent you have the financial resources, I recommend that a minimum of 10% of your net worth or what you consider your investment portfolio be put into physical precious metals. If you only devote 10%, I recommend only physical gold and silver bullion-priced products. No rare coins. No platinum or palladium.

Between gold and silver, I lean to more than 50% of total value toward silver. But, definitely include some of both metals. Further, I suggest you consider acquiring the physical forms that would be most practical to spend if the dollar totally fails.

Among silver options, I recommend the **US 90% Silver Coins (5.1%) and 1 Ounce Ingots and Rounds (5.1%)** for a good part of your holdings. In 1964, three silver dimes could purchase a gallon of gasoline. They

Summary Of Current LCS Recommendations For Precious Metals and Rare Coins

How much of your total net worth should be in precious metals and rare coins?

	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Aggressive</u>
	10%	20%	25-33%

*How much to allocate for each category of precious metals and rare coins?**

	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Aggressive</u>
Gold	40%	35%	25%
Silver	60%	55%	50%
Rare Coins	0%	10%	25%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

*Platinum and palladium both have volatile markets with long-term supply/demand fundamentals that are not as attractive as those for gold, silver or rare coins. While either or both might outperform gold, silver, or rare coins in the short- to long-term, to be conservative we have omitted them from our allocation.

still can today.

For at least part of your physical gold, I advocate smaller size piece such as those of 1/4 ounce size or smaller. I recommend copper-alloyed coins which are tough enough to survive the rigors of circulation.

Once you have a core position of "spendable gold and silver" you can look at lower premium larger-size options for additional purchases.

This insurance position is something to hold forever if the dollar doesn't fail, and pass it down to your heirs. If the dollar collapses, physical gold and silver might save the lives of those you love as well as yourself.

If you don't already own your insurance holdings of physical gold or silver, do it today. In the long run, it won't matter if prices may temporary decline some from today's levels. The important thing is to form a plan and then act on it.

For those who devote more than 10% into precious metals, you can consider higher risk/higher potential gain assets such as rare coins or non-monetary precious metals such as platinum or palladium. If you feel like speculating, you could try to wait for a price dip. But I urge you not to wait too long. If the gold and silver markets go instantly crazy, which could occur, being one day too late could mean that you are entirely out of luck.

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Silver and Silver Coins

Silver closed on the COMEX today at \$19.37, a drop of \$1.18 cents (5.7%) from four weeks ago. At the close yesterday, silver have given back all of its 2014 gains to close at the same price as the end of 2013.

Demand for physical silver was lackluster throughout August until prices fell below \$19.50 last week. Strangely, not only did demand rise sharply, but so did the amount of silver that people liquidated.

At the moment, pretty much all bullion-priced physical silver and gold coins and ingots are readily available for immediate or short-term delivery—and at competitive premiums. In any kind of extended buying frenzy, expect delivery times and premiums to increase.

Until about a week ago, the premium on US 90% Silver Coin had declined a little more, making its cost per ounce competitive with the 1 Ounce Ingot. However, the lower silver spot price has encouraged enough buying interest that wholesale bids have since increased about 0.5%. As 90% Coin has not been struck for 50 years, it can only be obtained by purchasing it from someone who already owns it. I would not be surprised if the premium were to go up over the next few weeks.

This month we offer some interesting lots of coins. For the first time in six years, we have enough of the **1973 Republic of Minerva \$35.00 Gold And Silver Coins**. As the years go on, these coins are becoming harder to find. There are several retailers pricing them at what I consider to be ridiculously high prices. We offer them at a price that reflects good value.

I also was able to buy a moderate lot of **Very Choice Mint State-64 and Gem Mint State-65 1921 Morgan Dollars**. These coins are, by far, the highest mint-age of all Morgans. Because of that, many collectors erroneously think they are much more common in top quality than they really are.

LCS Senior Numismatist Tom Coulson is following up our very popular offering of the first Canadian Birds of Prey Peregrine Falcons two months ago with the newly released **Canada 2014 1 Ounce Silver Bald Eagle**. You can own these for little more than you would pay for

The Month

Gold Range	37.00	2.9%
Net Change	-11.25	
Silver Range	1.21	5.9%
Net Change	-1.18	
Gold/Silver Ratio	66.3	
Net change	+3.3	
Platinum Range	64.00	4.3%
Net Change	-53.00	

Platinum/Gold Ratio 1.11

Date	Gold	Silver	Platinum
Jul 30	1,295.00	20.55	1,482.00
Jul 31	1,281.25	20.37	1,465.00
Aug 01	1,293.50	20.33	1,463.00
Aug 04	1,287.75	20.19	1,466.00
Aug 05	1,284.00	19.79	1,456.00
Aug 06	1,306.75	19.98	1,465.00
Aug 07	1,310.75	19.95	1,481.00
Aug 08	1,309.00	19.90	1,478.00
Aug 11	1,308.50	20.06	1,471.00
Aug 12	1,308.75	19.87	1,472.00
Aug 13	1,312.75	19.81	1,470.00
Aug 14	1,314.00	19.87	1,469.00
Aug 15	1,303.75	19.51	1,458.00
Aug 18	1,297.75	19.60	1,446.00
Aug 19	1,295.00	19.38	1,439.00
Aug 20	1,293.50	19.47	1,429.00
Aug 21	1,273.75	19.39	1,419.00
Aug 22	1,278.50	19.39	1,418.00
Aug 25	1,277.25	19.34	1,418.00
Aug 26	1,283.75	19.37	1,429.00

London Silver Market Premium To New York Silver Market = 2¢

Gold, silver and platinum quotes are working spots at 1:45 EST/EDT each

Canada Silver Maple Leafs.

For something more exotic, LCS Chief Numismatist Allan Beegle had fun using his deep experience to purchase an impressive collection of PCGS-certified **Standing Liberty Quarters**. He picked the seven most eye-appealing pieces to tempt you.

Finally, at the American Numismatic Association Worlds Fair of Money near Chicago three weeks ago, I was able to handpick the best quality specimens of **Swedish Livonia and Riga Billon Silver Solidus from the mid-1600s**. We rarely see medieval Swedish coinage other than a few specimens of their copper Plate Money. These are much more affordable.

See our enclosed flyers for details on all

of these coins.

Gold And Gold Coins

Gold settled today at \$1,283.75, down a modest \$11.25 (0.9%) from the end of July.

Like silver, activity for most of August was quiet, then picked up in the last week.

Liberty Coin Service now carries the **50-Gram Gold CombiBar (9.0%)**, struck by Valcambi. On one side of this bar is the identification of the entire 50-gram piece. The other side is scored so that it can be easily broken apart into 50 1-gram size gold ingots. Such a bar would be convenient in circumstances where gold and silver were being spent. It costs more to fabricate this kind of bar, so its premium makes it unsuitable for simply purchasing physical gold. However, it is a competitive premium compared to most 1/10 to 1/4 ounce size gold coins and ingots.

The low premium favorites continue to be the US **American Arts Medallions (2.2%)**, Austria **100 Coronas (2.0%)**, and the Mexico **50 Pesos (2.2%)**. These have an attractive feature that the South Africa **Krugerrand (4.0%)** and Canada **Maple Leaf (3.5%)** don't have. No matter how many pieces of these low premium issues we purchase, we are not required to send a Form 1099-B to the IRS for the transaction. For the 1-ounce size Krugerrands and Maple Leafs, we need to send in the Form 1099-B when purchasing 25 or more pieces of each from a non-corporate seller.

Last month, I saw an uptick in several issues of **Common-Date Pre-1934 US Gold Coins**. At the ANA show the following week, I noticed stronger demand for many issues than I have seen in some time. I felt comfortable with my prediction last issue that these coins had hit bottom.

Well, the lower gold spot prices of the past week have hurt demand for high grade issues almost across the board. On the other hand, many circulated issues are up in price today even though the gold price is lower. So my "this is the bottom" forecast was only half right. At today's levels there are a lot of top quality issues trading at huge discounts from what they would have cost at the last major market peak in June 1989.

Unfortunately, at the ANA, there just were no deals of **Better-Date US Gold Coins** to be found, no matter the price.

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Item	Qty	Fine Wt	Price	Cost/Oz	Premium
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Eagle	10	1.0000	1,346.25	1346.25	4.8%
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.5000	693.75	1387.50	8.0%
*U.S. 1/4 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.2500	359.00	1436.00	11.8%
*U.S. 1/10 Oz Gold Eagle	10	0.1000	146.50	1465.00	14.1%
*U.S. 1 Oz Gold Buffalo	10	1.0000	1,347.50	1347.50	4.9%
*Australia 1 Oz Kangaroo	10	1.0000	1,350.00	1350.00	5.1%
*Austria 100 Corona	10	0.9802	1,284.25	1310.19	2.0%
*Austria 1 Oz Philharmonic	10	1.0000	1,346.25	1346.25	4.8%
*Canada 1 Oz Maple Leaf	10	1.0000	1,329.50	1329.50	3.5%
*China 1 Oz Panda	10	1.0000	1,374.50	1374.50	7.0%
*Mexico 50 Peso	10	1.2057	1,582.75	1312.72	2.2%
*S. Africa Krugerrand	10	1.0000	1,336.00	1336.00	4.0%
*U.S. Medallion	10	1.0000	1,312.75	1312.75	2.2%
*50 Gram Combibar	10	1.6077	2,251.00	1400.14	9.0%
*1 Oz Ingot	10	1.0000	1,319.25	1319.25	2.7%
*Austria 1 Ducat	10	0.1107	154.70	1397.47	8.8%
*Austria 4 Ducat	10	0.4428	629.00	1420.51	10.6%
*British Sovereign	10	0.2354	323.75	1375.32	7.1%
*British Sovereign, BU	10	0.2354	335.75	1426.30	11.0%
*France 20 Franc	10	0.1867	262.00	1403.32	9.3%
*Swiss 20 Franc	10	0.1867	262.00	1403.32	9.3%
\$20 Liberty BU	10	0.9675	1,455.00	1503.88	17.1%
\$20 St Gaudens BU	10	0.9675	1,465.00	1514.21	17.9%
\$20 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.9675	1,415.00	1462.53	13.9%
\$10 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.4838	710.00	1467.55	14.3%
\$5 Liberty Extremely Fine	10	0.2419	400.00	1653.58	28.7%
*U.S. 90% Silver Coin	1,000	715	14,600.00	20.42	5.1%
*U.S. 40% Silver Coin	1,000	295	6,025.00	20.42	5.2%
*U.S. Circulated Dollars	1,000	760	24,600.00	32.37	66.7%
*U.S. Silver Eagle-2014	1,000	1,000	22,120.00	22.12	13.9%
*Canada Silver Maple Leaf	1,000	1,000	21,620.00	21.62	11.3%
*100 Oz Silver Ingot	10	100	2,037.00	20.37	4.9%
*10 Oz Silver Ingot	100	10	206.20	20.62	6.2%
*1 Oz Silver Ingot	1,000	1	20.41	20.41	5.1%
*1 Oz Platinum Ingot	10	1.0000	1,486.00	1486.00	4.0%
*U.S. 1 Oz Platinum Eagle	10	1.0000	1,515.00	1515.00	6.0%
*U.S. 1/2 Oz Plat Eagle	10	0.5000	Not available		
*U.S. 1/4 Oz Plat Eagle	10	0.2500	Not available		
*U.S. 1/10 Oz Plat Eagle	10	0.1000	Not available		
*Other 1 Oz Plat Coins	10	1.0000	Not available		
*Canada Palladium ML	10	1.0000	934.00	934.00	4.5%

Gold: \$1,284.50
Silver: \$19.42
Platinum: \$1,429.00
Palladium: \$894.00

Notes from Liberty

by Tom Coulson
 LCS Senior Numismatist

I'm filling in this time while LCS Chief Numismatist Allan Beegle is off on a well-deserved vacation.

The month of August started a bit slow. But volume took off, both buying and selling, when gold and silver prices dropped a week ago.

To our surprise, last month's offering of the Choice Mint State-63 Australian Sovereigns did not sell well. This was even more surprising because other coin dealers were scrambling to acquire such coins and just about all of our other offers in the last newsletter sold out.

Right after the last newsletter was mailed, LCS Numismatist Mark Patterson attended the American Numismatic Association class on "Coin Grading, Problem Coins and Conservation" that was held in the Chicago suburbs. He stayed an extra day to attend the ANA World's Fair of Money. He was met there by LCS Chief Numismatist Allan Beegle and LCS General Manager Pat Heller.

Pat and Allan worked the ANA show for five days, enjoying extraordinarily strong sales. They were so busy selling that they had little time to shop for bargains.

Our main offering this month is the historic **1973 Republic of Minerva \$35.00 Gold and Silver Coins**. These coins have always had a special home here at Liberty because Pat was involved with the second effort to establish a settlement on those South Pacific reefs. Every time we have been able to acquire any quantity, they always sell out. We would like to have acquired more of them, but Pat was frustrated by all the specimens being offered for sale by other dealers at much higher prices.

Pat also picked up a moderate lot of **Very Choice Mint State-64 and Gem Mint State-65 1921 Morgan Silver Dollars**. Because these are the highest mintage of all Morgans, many people assume they are more common in top

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Coins, Rolls and Sets

U.S. 10 pc Gold Medallion Set, 1980-1984, BU	\$10,650
U.S. Morgan Dollar, 1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$715
U.S. Morgan Dollar, Pre-1921, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$950
U.S. Peace Dollar, Brilliant Uncirculated Roll/20	\$640

Gold:	\$1,284.50
Silver:	\$19.42
Platinum:	\$1,429.00
Palladium:	\$894.00

Numismatic Coins (PCGS/NGC/ICG Graded)

	MS-63	MS-64	MS-65
U.S. \$20.00 St Gaudens	1,555	1,615	2,090
U.S. \$20.00 Liberty	1,695	1,870	3,240
U.S. \$10.00 Liberty	1,095	1,275	3,095
U.S. \$5.00 Liberty	585	730	2,150
U.S. 4 pc Indian Gold Type Set	4,220	5,365	16,440
U.S. 4 pc Liberty Gold Type Set	3,885	4,520	9,575
U.S. 8 pc Gold Type Set	8,045	9,735	25,565
U.S. Morgan Dollar (Pre-1921)	65	84	188
U.S. Peace Dollar	55	67	163

Prices quoted are for quantities indicated, and are actual selling prices at today's closes. Smaller lots are available at slightly higher prices. No Michigan Sales Tax on rare coins or precious metals bullion. Numismatic purchases have a 15 day return period. Orders for bullion-priced items (marked with *) are not returnable and, after confirmation, cannot be cancelled.

quality than they really are. At today's price levels, they merited our Highest Recommendation for appreciation potential.

The Royal Canadian Mint has now issued the second coin of its Birds of Prey series. The **2014 Canada \$5.00 Silver Bald Eagle** has a mintage far lower than that of the Canada Silver Maple Leaf, but can be purchased for close to the same price. Our offer of the first of the series two months ago, the Peregrine Falcon, was so popular that we struggled to find more coins after our initial allotment sold out.

In our store, Allan purchased a nearly complete set of **PCGS-Certified Standing Liberty Quarters**. This is one of Allan's favorite series. In the late 1980s, he helped a customer complete what was at the time the most valuable SLQ collection, including the first piece of the series to trade for more than \$100,000. Allan used his expertise to pick out the seven relatively most desirable coins from this collection to give our customers first shot.

Last, from the ANA, Pat brought back a stunning group of **Swedish Livonia and Riga Billon Silver Solidus in Extremely Fine condition**. These were issued in the mid-1600s, at the height of Sweden's world power, when coins were still being struck one at a time by hand. Unlike the typical issue, these coins are well-centered and

sharply detailed..

One reason we offer a variety of smaller groups of coins is that coins seem to be so well dispersed that larger lots of rarities are few and far between.

With limited supplies, I recommend that you place your order quickly. Call our **Trading Desk toll-free at 800-527-2375** to check on availability and to confirm your purchase.

Beyond our featured offers, here are some other one-of-a-kind rarities to tempt you:

Superb Gem Proof-66 1942-P Silver Nickel: Part way through 1942, the US Mint changed the composition of nickels in order to minimize usage of copper, a major metal needed for military purposes. The replacement alloy has a 35% silver content.

The Mint struck modest quantities of both the copper-nickel and the silver-alloyed 1943 Nickel in Proof condition. Only 27,600 of the Silver Proofs were struck in 1942 and none in any other year. So, not only does the coin contain silver, it is also the only silver Proof issue.

This NGC-certified Superb Gem Proof-66 specimen is blasty white. It has a single speck near the edge on the reverse that takes a close inspection to notice. It is the highest quality piece we have handled in a few years.

At one time, this coin would have cost you \$620. Today it can be yours for \$149.

Byzantine Emperor Justin I Gold

Tremissis: The man who would become a Byzantine Emperor started his working career as an illiterate peasant swineherd in modern-day southern Serbia. With two friends he fled from invading barbarians to Constantinople.

Once there he joined the army. He rose through the ranks to become a general under Emperor Anastasius I. At the time of Anastasius's death in 518 A.D., he held the position of commander of the palace guard and in charge of all the troops in Constantinople. This influence led to his election as the new Emperor at the age of 68. He died nine years later and was succeeded by his nephew Justinian I (The Great).

This Gold Tremissis was the smallest gold coin issued during his reign. Our Very Fine specimen weighs 1.5 grams and has a wavy planchet. At \$249, it is one of the most affordable Byzantine Gold Coins.

Lowest Denomination US Currency:

This Series 1863 3 Cents Fractional Currency is the lowest denomination paper money ever issued by the US government. It was issued to help manage a shortage of circulating coinage during the Civil War.

The note measures only 1-1/2" tall by 2-1/2" wide. Whenever we get a 3 Cent Fractional in stock, it sells almost immediately. This piece is in Fine condition with some staining near the center, partly over George Washington's face. \$45.

Ultra Rare MS-62 1888-S \$5.00 Liberty:

The 1888-S \$5.00 Liberty has a moderate mintage of 293,900. Virtually all of them entered circulation. Over the past 28 years, PCGS and NGC together have certified just 46 Mint State-62 coins and just 10 higher (all MS-63).

This PCGS-certified Mint State-62 piece has fresh original surfaces. It's almost certainly the finest example we have handled in our 43 years in business. It is so rare in this grade that it has been three years since a PCGS-certified coin of equal quality has been sold in a major auction! *Coin Values* lists this coin at \$1,750 for Mint State-60 as its highest grade. Your cost \$1,795.

Please Note: Liberty Coin Service will be closed Saturday, August 30 and Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day holiday.