



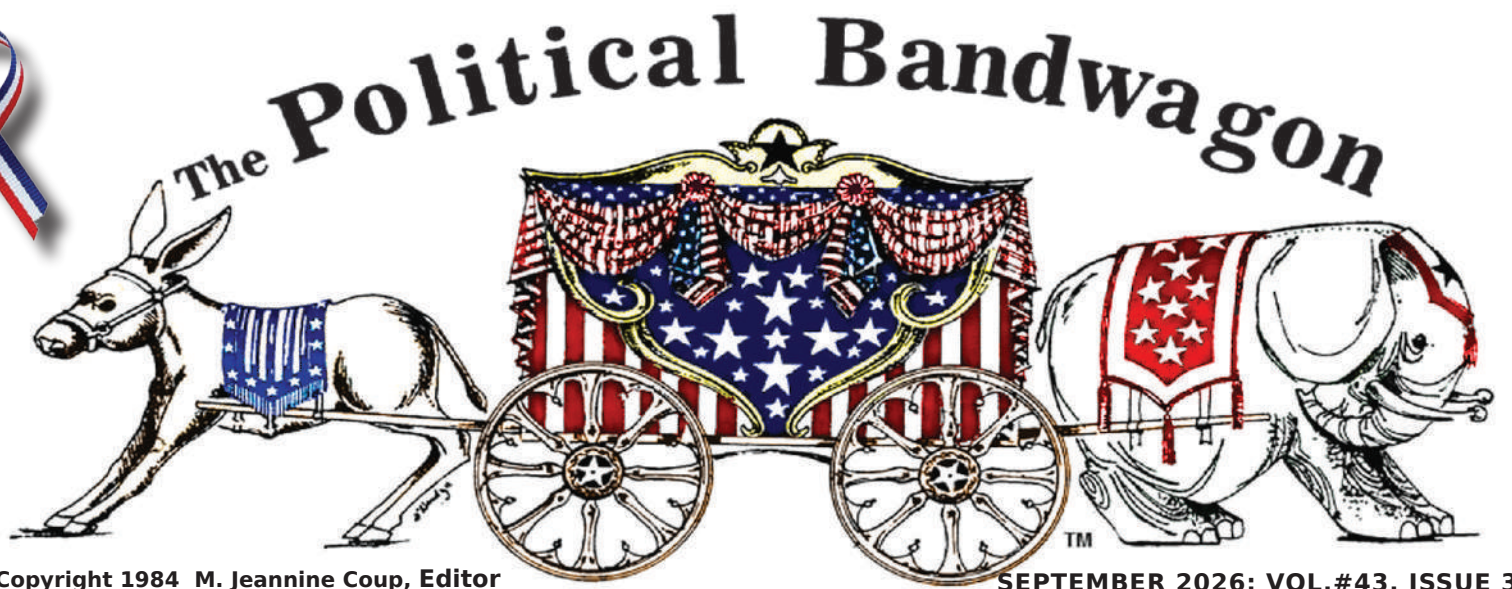
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Collecting American Political History

Political Doubles, Decoys and Deceptions on the Campaign Trail

By Edward Segal

President Donald Trump's use of Air Force One as a decoy in July 2026 was a reminder that presidents and political candidates have occasionally relied on deception and misdirection—sometimes for security and sometimes for political convenience.

The latest deception took place on July 8 as Trump prepared to leave Ankara, Turkey, following a NATO summit. Trump climbed the stairs up to the familiar blue-and-white presidential Boeing 747 and waved to cameras, creating the assumption that he would soon leave on the aircraft.

Instead, he was secretly moved from the plane to an airport catering vehicle and transferred to a smaller C-32A military aircraft nearby. The Boeing 747 departed Turkey carrying White House aides, staff members, security personnel, some Cabinet members, and journalists who believed Trump was aboard, which turned the aging aircraft into a decoy.

More than a month later, reports said the Secret Service had arranged the switch because of a credible threat against the president. It allegedly involved an Iranian assassination attempt using a shoulder-fired missile. Trump later confirmed that security officials wanted him to leave on a different aircraft. "I just have to do what they say," he told reporters. The Associated Press and Reuters reported details of the operation.

Relying On Erroneous Assumptions

The purpose of the Air Force One decoy was presidential security, not campaigning. But the principle behind the ruse would have been familiar to some well-known politicians who traveled by campaign train: People saw the railroad car that was associated with a president or candidate and naturally assumed that the politician was aboard—and that the person they glimpsed was the real one.

Long before artificial intelligence and deepfakes made it easier to deceive voters, politicians and their campaign staffs sometimes relied on a decidedly low-tech alternative: flesh-and-blood impersonators.

On some occasions, stand-ins deceived voters into thinking they had seen or heard the president or a presidential candidate. Sometimes the politicians approved of the impersonations. Sometimes, they were impersonated without

their advance knowledge.

It was relatively easy to deceive voters. A familiar hat, gray hair, glasses, a convincing wave, and a train moving fast enough could be all that was needed to fool people who had waited beside the tracks or at a railroad depot to see a president or presidential candidate.

As a longtime student of the history and role of whistle-stop campaign trains in American politics, I came across the following examples of how presidential and other political impersonators could fool voters.

Benjamin Harrison's Surprise Impersonator

President Benjamin Harrison did not know ahead of time that a Pullman conductor would impersonate him during the chief executive's 1891 cross-country train trip. Thinking Harrison had retired for the evening, the conductor made an impromptu decision to present himself as the president of the United States.

"The train halted for a few moments in a section of Arkansas woods and a crowd of hillbillies [as reported by the Pullman News] demanded a speech."

The conductor "thanked his fellow citizens of the great state of Arkansas" in a few words, and they, none the wiser, applauded lustily. As the train moved ahead, a slight noise behind him caused the conductor to turn. According to an account by railroad historian Bob Withers in his book, *The President Travels by Train*, to his embarrassment, the conductor discovered Harrison in short sleeves and convulsed with laughter. The railroad employee apologized, but Harrison assured him that "no president could have done better."

The incident was an early example of how easily voters could be fooled when poor lighting, distance, and the excitement surrounding a campaign train made it difficult to see who was speaking.

A Reporter Pretends To Be William Jennings Bryan

Another impersonation took place during the 1896 presidential campaign when William Jennings Bryan's train approached Newport, Kentucky, across the river from Cincinnati.

Among those on the train was Congressman Albert Berry (D-KY), who represented the area and wanted his constituents to see him campaigning with Bryan.

As the train approached the depot, Berry was told that Bryan had just taken off his shirt and was busy working on a speech. The alarmed congressman claimed he would be ruined politically if Bryan failed to speak on his behalf, especially after he had appeared at other stops earlier that day.

A reporter on board the train heard Berry's lamentations

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President Benjamin Harrison at the Santa Ana, California, train station during his 1891 Pacific Coast tour, April 23, 1891.
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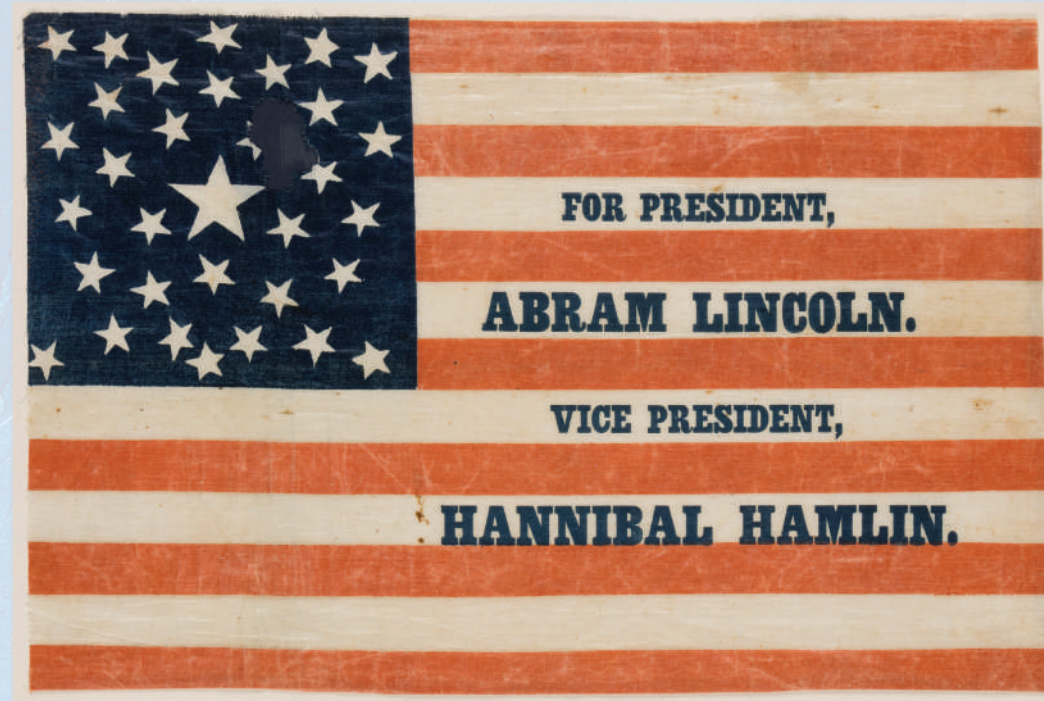
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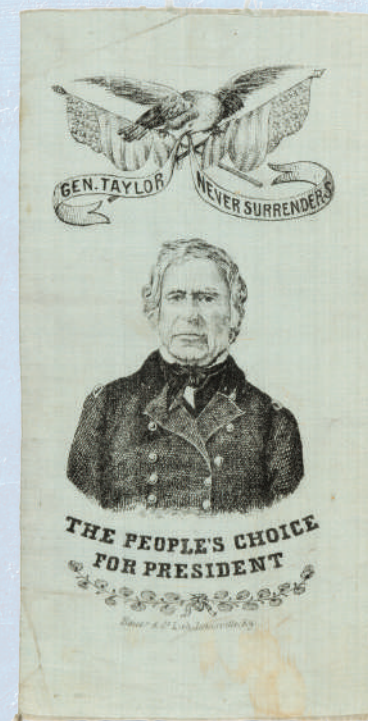
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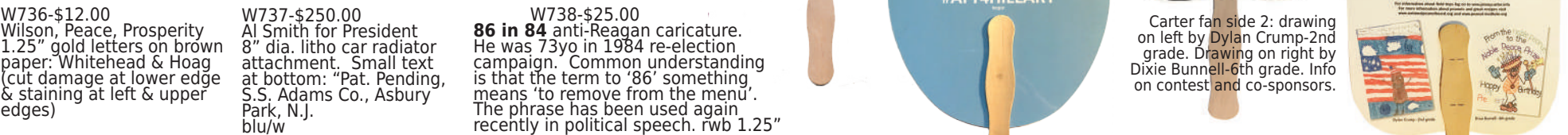
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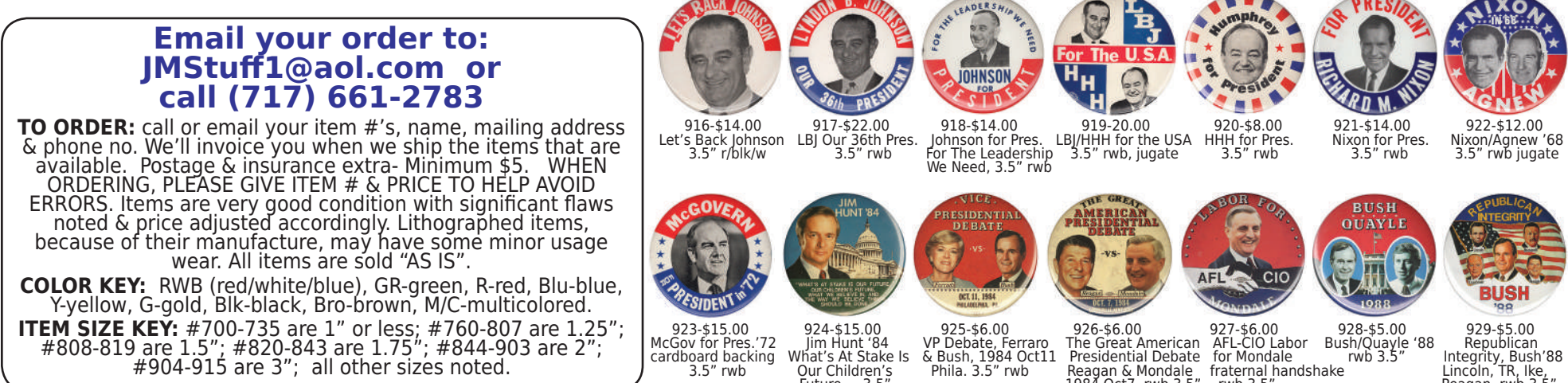
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APIC IN THE NEWS

WINNING THE VOTE: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement (American Graphic Press, 2005)

Author Robert P. J.
Cooney, Jr., APIC#15400

For more than 35 years, Robert P. J. Cooney, Jr. has studied the historic drive of American women to win their right to vote. After attending Santa Clara University in California, he joined the staff of the Institute for the Study of Nonviolence in Palo Alto, where he designed and co-edited *The Power of the People: Active Nonviolence in the United States* (Peace Press, 1977). This illustrated history traced nonviolent movements and philosophy throughout U.S. history from before William Penn to after Martin Luther King, Jr. and awakened his interest in the woman suffrage movement.

Moving to Point Reyes Station, he began Robert Cooney Graphic Design and created books, publications, and special projects for individual writers and artists as well as commercial and non-profit clients over the years. In 1993, he began research for a photographic history of the suffrage movement and visited or corresponded with dozens of major libraries and historical societies across the country. He also started the Woman Suffrage Media Project to coordinate and further efforts to help popularize this overlooked part of America's story.

A recipient of a research grant from The Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Harvard, he served as a consultant on several suffrage-related books, publications, and films, including the PBS documentaries *One Woman, One Vote* and *Not for Ourselves Alone*. After 12 years of work, he published *Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement* (American Graphic Press, 2005), which is full of facts and nearly 1,000 images documenting women's early political involvement. The book received glowing reviews and was recommended as an essential resource for the nation's public and school libraries. He was honored with the Write Women Back Into History Award from the National Women's History Project in recognition of his work uncovering this central and inspiring chapter in American history.

Mr. Cooney has spoken at the Smithsonian Institution, the U.S. Constitution Center, and the Library of Congress, emphasizing in particular the successful nonviolent grassroots campaigns suffragists waged between 1910 and 1920. In 2015, he edited *Remembering Inez: The Last Campaign of Inez Milholland, Suffrage Martyr*, in part to draw more interest in the movement among younger readers.

During 2019-2021, Mr. Cooney actively promoted the suffrage centennial celebration with the National Women's History Alliance, publishing gazettes, catalogs, and newsletters promoting the centennial and efforts in every state. He served on the Board of the Women's Vote Centennial Initiative and supervised the publication of the honorary book *A Vote for Women*. He has served as Vice Chair of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites, helped design the stations at the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, and is on the Board of the Suffrage Educational Institute. He is also on the Advisory Board of the Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation, which is planning a permanent memorial on the national mall to honor women's historic movement for political independence. Learn more at americangraphicpress.com/winning-the-vote-about/

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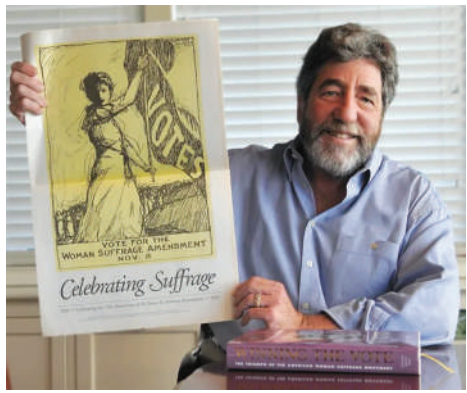
On March 31, 1776, three months before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Abigail Adams wrote a letter to her husband, John Adams, urging him and his colleagues at the Continental Congress to “remember the ladies” in the “new code of laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make.” She went on to add: “If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation.”

1907-1940: American Women & Citizenship Laws

Through the early 20th Century, laws remained in place that limited women's access to the ballot even after the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Because women in the U.S. had almost no legal identity outside of the identity of her husband or father, an American woman who married a non-U.S. citizen immediately lost her citizenship and took on the citizenship of her husband (even if that couple resided in the United States). When a woman lost her citizenship, she lost with it her right to vote. **Women did not have equal nationality and citizenship rights in the United States until 1940.**

American men who married non-U.S. citizens in the early 20th Century did not lose their citizenship status.

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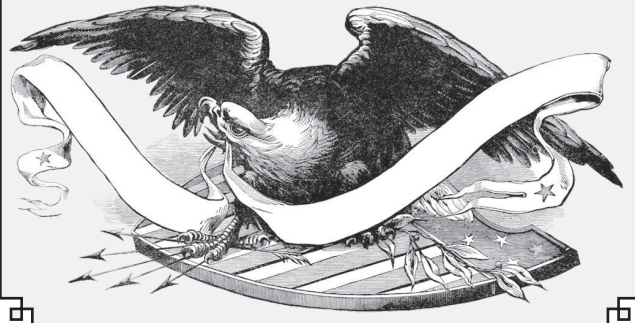
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shows & events of interest to political items collectors.

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SEPT 25, 2026 - CPIC CARTER POLITICAL ITEMS

COLLECTORS ANNUAL CONVENTION Join us Fri. 9/25 beginning at 5 p.m. – CPIC business meeting, meal, program and auction. Special guests: Kim Fuller, daughter of first brother Billy Carter, and Andrew Greer, author of “More Than A President—Sundays with Jimmy Carter.” Auction with auctioneer par-excellence Mack Gibson who will encourage all with tables to stay behind after the meeting is concluded for further trading and selling.

Sat. 9/26 - Plains Peanut Festival. Events will be posted at jimmycarterfriends.org. The “Friends of Jimmy Carter” will be selling Carter items at the Billy Carter Service Station on Saturday and has invited us to participate. Set-up: 9 a.m. There will be some space inside the store, and more space outside the store. Those interested in selling should probably bring their own tables. All proceeds will belong to the sellers, so no seller's premium.

Sun. 9/27, 10 a.m. - Bible study & worship at Maranatha Baptist Church.

Convention registration: \$10 per person. Fri night buffet meal: \$30 per person. Make sure to indicate if you are interested in having an auction table on Friday night. For convention registration form contact: Shirley Van Sickle, CPIC treasurer, 1561 Connaught Place, Delaware, OH 43015 or email Shirleyavan@aol.com. Registration deadline is August 31. We cannot guarantee space beyond this date.

Room reservations: contact Choice Hotels, choicehotels.com or 877.424.6423. Or call the hotel directly (229.389.2977) for the discounted CPIC room rate.

CPIC Officer election: Soliciting nominations this summer and current members will vote at our September meeting. Please mail or email your officer nominations to Michael Brooks by August 15, 10696 Highway 119 South / Alabaster, Alabama 35007 or by email Michaeljbrooks2020@gmail.com

OCT 17, 2026 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POLITICAL MEMORABILIA SHOW Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm at Knights of Columbus Hall, 21433 Strathern Street (between Canoga Ave & Alabama Ave), Canoga Park, CA 91309. Admission: \$3 for adults (kids & students are free with ID). Tables: around 40 tables at \$25 each for APIC members and \$30 each for nonmembers. New location with tons of parking and large facility with easy loading (no ramps, no stairs). Contact: Tom Morton tmagic22@yahoo.com or 818-644-9231

THE FRUGAL COLLECTOR - SEPTEMBER 2026

This month a few items found on the PME page on Facebook are discussed.

First up is a very fine example that features a 1.5” political pin depicting a portrait of William McKinley in profile. The collectible sold for only \$45.

Next is a 1” campaign pin featuring George Gray, a 1904 Democratic presidential hopeful. It was quickly picked up at just \$28.

Although small in size at just ¾”. This classic Theodore Roosevelt campaign pin from 1912 reads “A Square Deal All Around.” Viewed as being in excellent condition, \$65 was a fast sale!

A must have for any Civil Rights collection is this piece. A 1.5” political pin supporting civil rights leader Julian Bond for Vice President (“A Black Man for Vice-President”). There are no second thoughts at \$10.

Finally, a 1” WWII-era pin depicting Winston Churchill accompanied by vibrant Allied patriotic imagery. A double bonus with great color and a great price of \$48.

Scott Jasnoch



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OCT 16-17, 2026 - MONROE D. RAY ALBANY NY FALL FOLIAGE SHOW Albany Airport Inn, 200 Wolf Rd, Albany, NY 12205 (Just off O-87 & I-90). Room rate: \$89/night plus tax. Call hotel for reservations at 518-458-1000, ext. 196. Fri. Oct. 16 room hopping. Sat., Oct. 17 bourse 9am-3pm. Early admission 8am, \$10. Dealer tables: wall \$50/each; interior \$40/each. Contact person: Tom Keefe 518 281 2889. **(See our ad on pg 19).**

OCT 30-31, 2026 - THE BIG COLLECTIBLES SHOW, CANTON, IT'S ALWAYS FUN! Two full days of bourse Fri. Oct 30th from 9am-4pm, and Sat. Oct 31st from 9am-2pm at The MAPS Museum, 2260 International Parkway, North Canton OH 4420. Room hopping starts Oct 28th at Comfort Inn, 5345 Broadmoor Circle, North Canton. Call 330-492-1331 to book. Room rate: \$89.99 nightly. 250+ tables inside a retired National Guard airport hanger. Venders from 20 states offering Political Campaign Memorabilia, Militaria, Antique Advertising, Pop Culture, Comic Books, Sports Collectibles & more. Contact Jack Dixey, 419-610-9270 or email dixeycitylimits@yahoo.com. Facebook.com/TheBigCollectiblesShow **(See our ad on pg 3)**

NOV 6-7, 2026 - MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL SHOW LANGHORNE, PA Fri. Nov 06 and Sat. Nov 07 from 9am-5pm. Location: Sheraton Bucks County Hotel, 400 Oxford Valley Rd, Langhorne, PA 19047. Call hotel for room Reservations: (215) 547-4100. Room rate: \$129 per night. Use room reservation codes for Double Beds: POLPOLA or King Beds: POLPOLC. Foyer & Wall Tables: 1-\$70, 2-\$125, 3-\$180; Interior Tables: 1-\$60, 2-\$110, 3-\$155 -- limited availability. SPECIAL FOR RETURNING DEALERS: If you rented tables at last year's show (2025) they are FREE this year (2026). That's right. Get the same number of tables you had last year for FREE!! Not transferable. If you don't use it you lose it. Returning Dealers pay only the \$5 p/p registration fee and must contact Ed to reserve.RESERVE EARLY-Tables are limited. Registration fee \$5 for all adult attendees. For everyone else regular table rental fees apply. Tables reserved on 1st come basis with PAYMENT IN FULL (incl. Registration Fee). Refunds only if tables are resold. Make checks payable to 'Mid-Atlantic APIC'. Contact Ed Stahl, 8-F Somerset Hills Ct., Bernardsville, NJ 07924 (609) 462-4817 (Afternoons & Evenings Only) or email collectorstuff@msn.com **(See our ad on pg 9).**

NOV 8, 2026 - WISCONSIN APIC FALL SHOW The Wisconsin APIC will host its 2026 fall show on Sunday Nov. 8th, at the Watertown Public Library. (Packers play later afternoon). We are returning to last years location at 100 S Water Street, Watertown. Hours are 12-3pm. Tentative theme is Wisconsin locals. Table costs are unbelievably low at just \$10 each or 2/\$15. To reserve tables and further info,

contact Pat Kehoe at pjkehoe@gmail.com or 414-690-4980.

JAN 23, 2027 - 2nd BIENNIAL LAS VEGAS WESTERN REGIONAL APIC SHOW Sat. Jan 23 from 7am-6pm with a Reception the night before, and room hopping on Wed - Friday of that week. Gold Coast Resort and Casino, 4000 West Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89103. Call the Hotel as soon as you possibly can to reserve your room. Special room rates of only \$82/night for Wed and Thu, and \$127/night for Fri and Sat (includes resort fees) can be locked in by calling 1-888-402-6278. Give them the show Code of APIA27C. Parking is FREE! Wall tables \$95/each, & inner tables \$85/each can be reserved by contacting Cary Demont by e-mail at caryd8@comcast.net. Some of the finest dealers and amazing political collectibles in the country will be there, so contact Cary with any questions and table reservations as soon as you can. Remember, what happens in Vegas...Will be memorable! Contact: Cary Demont, caryd8@comcast.net

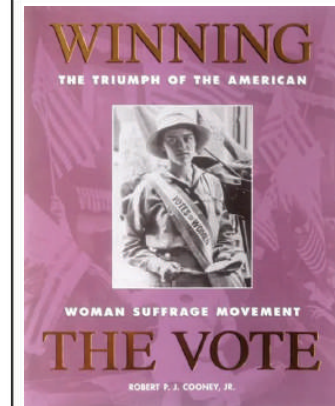
FEB 13, 2027 - BIG APPLE SUPER BOWL WEEKEND SHOW at Union Fire Company Banquet Hall, 1396 River Rd, Titusville, NJ 08560. Sat, from 9am —3pm. Contact: Tony Lee, email tonylee08560@gmail.com

FEB 20, 2027 - SOUTH FLORIDA POLITICAL & HISTORICAL COLLECTIBLES SHOW at Palm Beach Gardens Moose Lodge, 3600 RCA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 from 9am-3pm. Contact: Tom Peeling, email trbuttons@aol.com

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President Lyndon Johnson declared Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968. Through later legislation submitted by U.S. Rep. Esteban Torres (D-California), the week expanded to National Hispanic Heritage Month under the direction of President Reagan in 1988. Festivities begin on Sept. 15th, marking the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.



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Auctions on Parade

By Michael McQuillen
HAKES #247

Hake's Auction recently closed sale #247 with their usual great selection of Political & Americana items. Here we will review many of the items that sold in the \$3200 and up range. A POSSIBLY UNIQUE BRYAN "TOTAL ECLIPSE NOV. 6" BUTTON measuring 1 1/2" with some staining, sold for \$3259 (all prices realized include an 18% buyer's premium and are rounded up to the nearest dollar.) Produced in Conshocton, Ohio, a RARE WILSON & MARSHALL GRAPHIC 1912 JUGATE BUTTON at 1 1/4" was a good buy at \$3866. Small cello separations, guided a JFK KENNEDY: RARE "ESSEX COUNTY C.O.P.E." BUTTON to its \$4254 conclusion.

TEDDY ROOSEVELT "THE COMBINED SPIRITS" WASHINGTON & LINCOLN "GHOST" 1 1/4" BUTTON floated to \$4468. Dating to around 1800, an 8 3/4" diameter PRESIDENT JOHN ADAMS, GEORGE WASHINGTON & BEN FRANKLIN TRANSFERWARE PORTRAIT LIVERPOOL BOWL in need of restoration that managed \$4468. Measuring a full 9" - a HUGE "FOR PRESIDENT ALFRED M. LANDON" PORTRAIT BUTTON grew to \$4570.



Several scarce early ceramic pieces were offered for sale, here, an 8 1/2" high GEORGE WASHINGTON "HE IN GLORY" & "BY VIRTUE & VALOR" LIVERPOOL CREAMWARE JUG poured out a final bid of \$4915.



I remember watching this next item being purchased at an APIC National several years ago. At 6" high, this HARDING & COOLIDGE EAGLE & AMERICAN SHIELD 1920 REAL PHOTO JUGATE BUTTON W/ CHESTER, PA RIBBON commanded \$5148. Truly a classic in the hobby, the "ME AND ROOSEVELT FOR JOHNSON" ICONIC FDR & LBJ 1941 TEXAS COATTAIL 2 1/4" LITHO BUTTON did very well at \$6083.

Dating to around 1790, an EXCEPTIONAL PATRIOTIC "AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE FOREVER" BATTERSEA PATCH BOX measuring 1 3/4" wide closed at \$6083. Selling at the same price point was a rare 3 1/2" KENNEDY "I'M GONE FOR JOHN" ICONIC 1960 JFK CAMPAIGN PORTRAIT BUTTON. The earliest political of the sale was a GEORGE WASHINGTON "LONG LIVE THE PRESIDENT GW" 1789 INAUGURAL BUTTON which snapped to \$6229.

Featuring a whimsical cartoon image of TR was a 1 1/2" ANTI-TEDDY ROOSEVELT "I SHOT A SPANIARD IN THE BACK!" RARE CARTOON SPANISH AMERICAN WAR BUTTON which charged to \$6853. A little light aging didn't deter bidders who ran an IMPORTANT "VOTE KENNEDY CONGRESS" BUTTON FROM JFK'S FIRST POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IN

1946 measuring 2 1/8" up to \$7540. The top Third-Party item of the sale was an EXCEEDINGLY RARE DEBS & SEIDEL 1912 SOCIALIST PARTY JUGATE 1 1/4" BUTTON which managed \$7732.

TR was consistently a top seller in the auction. A RARE 1 1/4" ROOSEVELT & JOHNSON 1912 BLACK & WHITE VARIETY JUGATE BUTTON brought \$8294. For just a little more - one lucky bidder scored a TR ROOSEVELT UNCLE SAM SUN RISE "THE GOERKE CO. WELCOME" RARE 1910 RETURN FROM AFRICAN SAFARI BUTTON for \$9125. INCREDIBLE AND POSSIBLY UNIQUE HAND-COLORED JAMES K. POLK "DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL BADGE" PORTRAIT RIBBON FINISHED AT \$9125.

The top JFK offering of the sale was a 3 1/2" cello - "GIVE THE KEY TO KENNEDY" RARE 1960 WHITE HOUSE PORTRAIT BUTTON which soared to \$13,394. One of the surprises of the sale was a 4" holed as made - COOLIDGE: RARE "VOTERS OF THE U.S.A. KEEP COOL-IDGE" PATRIOTIC SHIELD BUTTON which was most likely originally produced as a license attachment. It required a bid of \$16,285!

Finally, the Biggie of the sale, was a TEDDY ROOSEVELT & UNCLE SAM 'AT THE GATE' IMPORTANT & RARE 1904 1 1/2" BUTTON. TR clutches a top hat in his right hand and extends his left towards Uncle Sam who is lifting the first slat of the gate. In the distance the US Capitol dome emerges from the clouds, w/ rays of sun light around and sold for a record \$32,528!

See Hakes ad on pg24.

Auctions on Parade appears monthly in The Political Bandwagon. I invite readers to write me if they would like to suggest auctions to be reviewed or have any other questions or suggestions. Michael J. McQuillen can be reached by writing him directly at P. O. Box 50022, Indianapolis, Indiana 46250-0022, e-mail: michael@politicalparade.com or through his web-site: www.PoliticalParade.com

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Learn Her Story
Laura Cornelius Kellogg, 1880-1949, was a member of the Oneida Nation, one of the six tribes of the Haudenosaunee, an activist, author, suffrage supporter, and founder of the Society of American Indians. She is featured on the National Women Suffrage Monument website.

From the Smithsonian Libraries and Archives, editors Kristina Ackley and Christina Stanciu bring us **Laura Cornelius Kellogg: Our Democracy and the American Indian** with a forward by Loretta V. Metoxen. Laura Cornelius Kellogg was an eloquent and fierce voice in early twentieth century Native American affairs. An organizer, author, playwright, performer, and linguist, Kellogg worked tirelessly for Wisconsin Oneida cultural self-determination (Continued on page 18...)



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Friends, Farm Journal,
curl: A.J.Keil, Phila. 7/8"

W506-\$32.00
Labor Day, Labor
Omnia Vincit, In Union
There Is Strength, 1.25"
fraternal handshake

W507-\$10.00
Labor Day 1953
curl: Bastian Bros.
1.25"

W508-\$22.00
7/8" I Will Not Buy Shoes
Without This Stamp, Boot &
Shoe Workers Union, paper:
J.F.McCarty & Co., Lynn, MA

W509-\$18.00
Newsboys Home
Sept 23rd For Our
Boys, 7/8" paper:
Whitehead & Hoag
(spots)

W510-\$30.00
Independent Local
& Long Distance
Telephone, 7/8" (stains)
(cut left below 'T')

W511-\$20.00
Souvenir of Oneida
County Air Show
1.25"

W512-\$45.00
Massachusetts Bonding &
Insurance Company
Our Contract, Your Security
3/4" paper: Bastian Bros.
pictures Indian w/bow & arrows

W513-\$22.00
Go Grand Union
Go To The Fair
7/8"

W514-\$68.00
A.F. of L. Labor Day 1941
Our Day, Greater Kansas
Cities Metropolitan Areas
fraternal handshake, 2.25"

W515-\$48.00
Labor Day, Welcome
Firemen's Parade
Washington, D.C.
1.75"

W516-\$38.00
National Export Exposition
Phila., USA, 1899, paper:
Whitehead & Hoag
7/8"

W517-\$20.00
Rustless Picnic
1941 Aug 16th
paper: Torsch & Franz
Badge Co, Baltimore, 7/8"

W518-\$20.00
Iron City Beer
7/8" litho

W519-\$48.00
Dodge, 7/8" litho
curl: Par. Nov. Co.

W520-\$65.00
National Horticultural
Congress, Council Bluffs,
Iowa, 1908 Dec 16-19
1", paper: Whitehead & Hoag

W521-\$42.00
NY State Horticultural
Society 1923, 1.25"
paper: St. Louis
Button Co.

W522-\$40.00
Saxon, Strong Arm of the
Law, 3rd studio album by
English heavy metal band,
released 1980, 1.25" (spots)

W523-\$20.00
Corbin Brake
paper: Whitehead
& Hoag, 7/8"

W524-\$12.00
Vote for Philip Morris
7/8", curl: Whitehead
& Hoag

W525-\$22.00
Liberia, 7/8", paper:
Sweet Corporal
Cigarettes

W526-\$15.00
New Mexico, MDCCCL,
Crescent Eundo, 7/8"
paper: Sweet Corporal
Cigarettes (spots)

W527-\$15.00
I Love Your Expression
7/8", Tad Cartoon, paper:
Hassan Cigarettes

W528-\$12.00
I Got Cha, Steve
7/8", Tad Cartoon
paper: Hassan
Cigarettes (spots)

W529-\$12.00
Oh You Poor Rummy
7/8" Tad Cartoon
paper: Hassan
Cigarettes

W530-\$18.00
Off The Bat
7/8" Tad Cartoon
paper: Hassan
Cigarettes

W531-\$15.00
I Should Worry?
7/8" Tad Cartoon
paper: Hassan
Cigarettes (crackled)

W532-\$95.00
Fairbank's Fairy Soap
The Two Best Things
That Float, 1.25"

W533-\$12.00
Redball Ice Skating
52nd St. Broadway
7/8" (spots)

W534-\$20.00
We Are All For
Bill Ding
paper: St. Louis Button Co.
7/8" (stacking toy clown by
Strombecker Company 1931)

W535-\$18.00
Lund Land M'P'L'S.
Chicago, 7/8"
paper: Whitehead
& Hoag

W536-\$26.00
E.M.B.A. Outing 1921
paper: Whitehead &
Hoag, 1.25" (Employees
Mutual Benefit Association)

W537-\$10.00
Little Miss Junket
curl: Bastian Bros.
1" litho (spots)

W538-\$15.00
Corner Stone Laying
West Reading High School
Reading Eagle Newspaper

W539-\$25.00
Canada, Chew Flagum
No.12, 7/8", paper:
Whitehead & Hoag

CONSTITUTION WEEK 2026 & THE CIVIC DECADE

The CIVIC DECADE, you say?

The Declaration of Independence was just the beginning. As America marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, this special Constitution Day celebration will explore the connection between the Declaration’s founding ideals and the constitutional system that followed. Through a full day of learning and discovery, visitors at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, PA will explore the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution and look ahead to the **250th anniversaries of the Constitution in 2037 and the Bill of Rights in 2041**. Together, these milestones frame the **Civic Decade**, a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deepen understanding of our shared history and strengthen civic learning for generations to come.

E Pluribus Unem - Out of Many, One

As the nation marks 250 years of American history, the National Constitution Center (NCC) invites people of all ages to explore the ideas that launched our nation and the stories that continue to shape it today. With resources for families, educators, and curious learners, discover that which bring America’s founding principles and history to life—because our story continues, and each generation helps shape what comes next.

Beginning with the words “We the People,” the U.S. Constitution is composed of the Preamble, seven articles, and 27 amendments. The first 10 amendments are known as the Bill of Rights.

Explore the NCC’s **Interactive Constitution**, to learn about the text, history, and meaning of the U.S. Constitution from leading scholars of diverse legal and philosophical perspectives. The Center calls it “The Constitution in Conversation.” Start here....<https://constitutioncenter.org/the-constitution>

Every year on September 17, the National Constitution Center celebrates Constitution Day—the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. Experience history in action through engaging programs, hands-on activities, and unforgettable experiences that bring America’s founding story to life.

Take part in a lively reading of the Constitution’s Preamble, witness a moving naturalization ceremony, meet Revolutionary-era figures, enjoy hands-on activities and workshops, and more. And of course, there will be constitutional birthday cake! <https://constitutioncenter.org/calendar/constitution-day-2026>

Around the country other organizations, schools and communities celebrate the annual commemoration of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

One notable example: Each year since 2016, the Georgia College Trax on the Trail staff has organized campaign music concerts as a part of Constitution Week.

Constitution Week Concert/Lecture

As part of Georgia College & State University’s annual “Constitution Week,” a lively production of political campaign music and a lecture will be presented. The concert, **“Trail Tunes: A Delightful Program of Songs from Presidential Campaigns, 1840-1964,”** will feature campaign songs such as “Tippecanoe and Tyler Too,” “Liberty’s Call,” and “Wake, Sons of Columbia.”

Trax on the Trail is a scholarly resource for music in political campaigns. Launched at Georgia College in 2015, Trax on the Trail is a website and research project devoted to the study of American presidential campaign music. Their interdisciplinary team includes students and scholars from across the US and Canada. Over the past ten+ years, Trax on the Trail has grown into a project of international significance, standing on the vanguard of research exploring the intersection of music and politics in American culture.

The mission: To promote a more critical evaluation of how music and sound shape the public’s perceptions of presidential candidates.

Bells Across America

Bells Across America is an annual celebration of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Participants gather to ring bells, much as the church bells of Philadelphia rang out when the U.S. Constitution was first signed at 4 pm on September 17, 1787. Consider organizing a group to ring bells on September 17th for 1 minute at 4:00 EDT to herald the beginning of this commemorative week.

Here’s one creative Bells Across America adaptation for this anniversary year. America250PA accepted design submissions from Pennsylvania artists for the **‘Bells Across PA’** art series to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States in 2026.

These fiberglass bells were adorned and magically transformed by local artists and sponsored by businesses or individuals. There is at least one in every Pennsylvania County!

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) initiated the observance of the Constitution Week in honor of this foundational document of national governance in 1955, when the service organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate September 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution, and on August 2, 1956, President Eisenhower signed it into Public Law #915.

The celebration’s goals are threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to remind the public that the Constitution is the basis of America’s great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens’ responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the U.S. Constitution. <https://www.dar.org/discover/media-center/news-releases/dar-continues-america250-celebrations-constitution-week>

Julie Silverbrook wrote about the idea of a “Civic Decade” with her observations of the significance of looking at the next decade and a half as an opportunity for intentional civic renewal. Welcome to the Civic Decade.

“The founders understood something we too often forget. Constitutions create governments. People sustain them.” Julie Silverbrook

Welcome to the Civic Decade: A distinct era with a distinct purpose
by Julie Silverbrook, Jul 23, 2026, National Constitution Center

There is an oversimplified story we often tell about the American founding that is both incomplete and, at this particular moment, deeply misleading. The Declaration of Independence is signed in 1776. A new nation is born. Liberty triumphs. The story ends.

History, of course, was far messier, and far more instructive.

The generation that declared independence quickly discovered that winning a revolution was not the same as sustaining a constitutional republic. The Articles of Confederation, remarkable for their moment, proved unequal to the demands of self-government. The promise of the Revolution required something more durable: stronger institutions, a constitutional framework capable of governing a free people, and a civic culture that could sustain both.

So the founding generation did something extraordinary: they began again. Eleven years after the Declaration, they gathered in Philadelphia to ask one of the most consequential questions in American history: What would it take not simply to win liberty, but to preserve it for ourselves and our posterity?

The Constitution was their answer.
And, yet, here too the story of our founding does not end.

The decades that followed were devoted to giving constitutional government a durable foundation. Americans established new national institutions, debated the meaning of federalism and individual rights, ratified the Bill of Rights, built courts and systems of public administration, expanded educational institutions, founded voluntary associations, and gradually developed the civic habits necessary to sustain self-government.

The founders understood something we too often forget. Constitutions create governments. People sustain them.

Nearly half a century later, Alexis de Tocqueville recognized what had made the American experiment so distinctive. He admired the Constitution, but he was equally struck by the habits, institutions, and associations that surrounded it. Americans formed associations for every conceivable purpose. They built schools, churches, newspapers, charitable organizations, town meetings, and civic societies. They solved problems together long before they expected government to solve them. These institutions taught cooperation, responsibility, compromise, and the everyday practices of citizenship.

Tocqueville understood that constitutional government depends on far more than constitutional design. In modern terms, he understood that it also depended upon what we call constitutional culture.

He warned that democracy could just as easily produce isolation as participation. Citizens might retreat into private life, becoming disconnected from one another and from the institutions that sustain freedom. A democracy could retain its constitutional forms while gradually losing the civic habits that gave those forms meaning.

His warning feels remarkably contemporary.

For much of our history, Americans have understandably celebrated the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights as extraordinary achievements. But those documents did not secure the American experiment on their own.

What secured it was generation after generation of Americans who accepted responsibility for strengthening the institutions, associations, and civic culture that allowed constitutional democracy to flourish.

That history has never felt more relevant than it does today.

America’s 250th anniversary invited us to remember the founding. I spent years working alongside remarkable colleagues across the country to ensure it became more than a birthday celebration. Through national coalitions, collaborative initiatives, and planning efforts, we sought to transform the anniversary into a once-in-a-generation opportunity for civic welcome, belonging, reflection, and renewal.

In many ways, we succeeded. Across the country, extraordinary educators, museums, libraries, veterans’ organizations, civic groups, historical societies, and community leaders created opportunities for Americans to learn, serve, celebrate, and reconnect. Millions participated. Countless acts of civic generosity unfolded in communities large and small.

Yet taken as a whole, the anniversary often felt fragmented rather than shared. Moments of invitation were real, but they were too often momentary and fleeting.

The more I’ve reflected on that experience, the more convinced I’ve become that we asked too much of collaboration and too little of institution-building. We relied on networks when we needed infrastructure. We coordinated when we should have been building enduring capacity. We celebrated thousands of remarkable local efforts without investing early enough in the shared institutions, philanthropic partnerships, and civic architecture that could have connected those efforts into something larger than the sum of their parts.

That realization has stayed with me because I have come to believe it points toward one of the founding’s most important lessons: great constitutional moments do not end with celebration. They begin with the work of building what comes next.

In that respect, I find an unexpected historical parallel.

The Articles of Confederation reflected a nation rich in ideals, talent, and local commitment, but one that lacked the institutional framework necessary for sustained collective action. The states were capable of remarkable things individually, yet too often struggled to act together as one nation.

America’s 250th revealed a different version of the same challenge. Across the country, extraordinary organizations accomplished extraordinary work. What we lacked was not creativity or commitment. We lacked sufficient shared infrastructure, sustained investment, and common purpose to transform thousands of individual efforts into a lasting movement for civic renewal.

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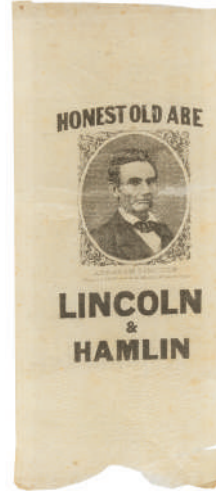
Lincoln & Johnson : 1864 San Francisco Ballot with Naval Battle Scene on Verso.
Est. \$600-800



Benjamin Harrison:
Graphic 1888 Paper Lantern.
Est. \$400-600



Harry S. Truman: Complete copy of the most famous “error” newspaper of all time, the November 3, 1948 edition of the Chicago Daily Tribune.
Est. \$2,000-4,000



Abraham Lincoln:
1860 Portrait Ribbon.
Est. \$1,000-1,500



Susan B. Anthony:
Minnesota Woman's Suffrage Association Badge.
Est. \$4,000-6,000



William Jennings Bryan: Metal Donkey with Celluloid Button.
Est. \$1,000-1,500



Theodore Roosevelt: “Hat in the Ring” Silk Bandana.
Est. \$200-400



George Washington: Oval Portrait Brass Drawer Pulls.
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McKinley & Roosevelt: Jugate Lithographed 1900 Campaign Tray.
Est. \$600-800



Henry Clay: Scarce 1844 Campaign Pewter Rim.
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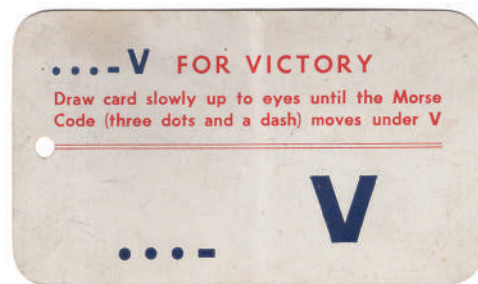
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1945 Lincoln Head penny in embossed aluminum shell Side 1: Victory, V-E Day May 8, V-J Day Sept. 2, World Peace. Side 2: Scovill Victory Loan, Nov-Dec 1945, Waterbury, Conn. 1-3/8" dia.



W602-\$18.00 Guard Our Shores, Think, Hitler Nominated Hitler, Mussolini Nominated Mussolini, Stalin Nominated Stalin, Roosevelt Nominated Roosevelt, Do You Want A Dictator? 1.75" x 2-5/8" die-cut USA map shaped cardboard



W603-\$35.00 W.S.S. Thousand Dollar Limit Club, 1/4" embossed metal pin Whitehead & Hoag



W604-\$38.00 American Protection Industries, 3/4" rwb enameled stud back



W605-\$48.00 D.A.R. Roll of Honor (Daughters of the American Revolution) 5/8" enameled pin back



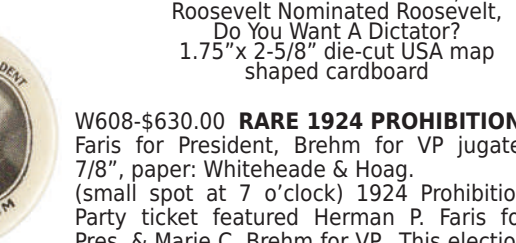
W606-\$45.00 Member of U.S. Army American-German War 1917, embossed seal rwb enameled 5/8" stud



W607-\$28.00 Australia Day, Adelaide 1916, 1" embossed enameled metal on stick pin (massive fundraising event on July 28th to support wounded soldiers during WWI)



Brehm became the first legally qualified female candidate to run for Vice President of the United States following the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment. Faris was a banker and prohibition activist from Missouri. Brehm was a leading suffragist and temperance advocate from California. They received 55,911 votes (0.19% of the popular vote) in an election ultimately won by Republican incumbent Calvin Coolidge.



W608-\$630.00 RARE 1924 PROHIBITION Party ticket featured Herman P. Faris for Pres. & Marie C. Brehm for VP. This election was historically significant because Marie C. Brehm became the first legally qualified female candidate to run for Vice President of the United States following the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment. Faris was a banker and prohibition activist from Missouri. Brehm was a leading suffragist and temperance advocate from California. They received 55,911 votes (0.19% of the popular vote) in an election ultimately won by Republican incumbent Calvin Coolidge.



W609-\$55.00 Citizens Demonstration Steelton, PA 1902 July 4, paper: Whitehead & Hoag, 1.25" x woven flag ribbon (thinned)



W610-\$28.00 1921 Fourth of July Celebration, Sanbornville, NH paper: Whitehead & Hoag 1.25" x woven flag ribbon



W611-\$55.00 1/2" x 2" embossed metal pin w/1" woven ribbon & 7/8" cello in embossed metal shell decorated w/stars & anchors. Pictures a cannon monument: Dedicated July 4th, 1900



W612-\$35.00 1.5" Liberty Bell fob on blue/yellow ribbon pin. Back of fob text: 86th Reunion C.L.H.M.C. & Old Guard, City of Phila. 1876-1962. Bastian Bros.



W613-\$32.00 King George VI, Queen Elizabeth, Crowned 1937 May 12th, Souvenir, 5/8" x 3" pocket knife, plain back



W614-\$65.00 The Sky Climbers, 1", curl: Bastian Bros. Authors like those writing for vintage magazines produced popular WWI & aviation-adventure stories under titles like "The Sky Climbers" during the 1920s. The Sky Climbers of America was formed around 1929 and sponsored by major department stores and boys' clothing brands. This youth organization mirrored the structure of the Boy Scouts.



W615-\$18.00 Grand Army of the Republic Veteran 1861-66 inscribed in the circle around sailor & soldier shaking hands + 3 other figures flanked by flags. Embossed 2-sided 1.75" metal star.



W616-\$40.00 (right) The Royal Scots 1-1/8" embossed & enameled pin (The oldest & most senior line infantry regiment of British Army raised in 1633 under King Charles I.)



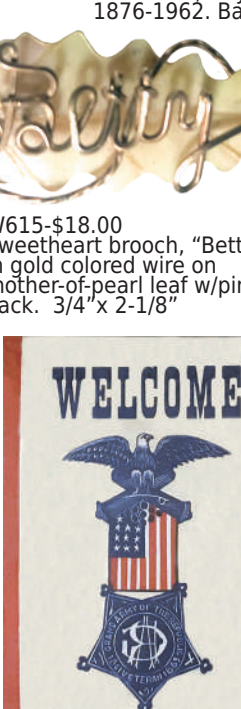
W617-\$28.00 "America On Parade" painted wooden eagle 1-7/8" pin on 5.75" ribbon printed "America On Parade, Aug 13-14-15-16, Mount Vernon, 4H". (stained)



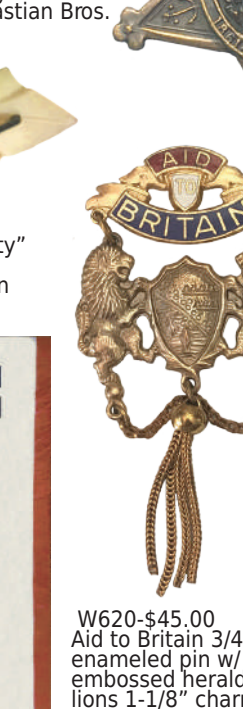
W618-\$50.00 Welcome Our Boys, Bernstein & Co., 4th NJ Vols. April 7th. Date handwritten in ink: 1899. 6" woven cloth ribbon. (stained)



W615-\$18.00 Sweetheart brooch, "Betty" in gold colored wire on mother-of-pearl leaf w/pin back. 3/4" x 2-1/8"



W619-\$120.00 Welcome G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) 11-1/8" x 17-1/8" banner printed on canvas paper



W622-\$15.00 (right) Embossed spoon Bowl: U.S. Battleship Maine. Back of handle: Crown Silver Plate Co. 4.25"



W621-\$20.00 Sweetheart brooch "Taken" soldier leaning on heart. 1.75" embossed metal (pin missing)



W623-\$14.00 Great seal of the United States embossed metal 1.25" dia. pin back



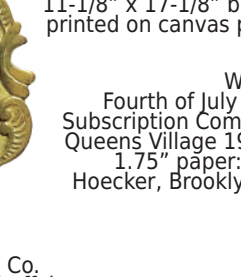
W627-\$20.00 2-blade pocket knife embossed metal w/Lady Liberty on side 1 and knight helmet over shield with eagle on side 2. 1.25" dia.



W624-\$25.00 United States Secret Service logo on gold color money clip 1" x 1-7/8"



W625-\$65.00 East Buffalo Brewing Co. Lager Beer picturing a buffalo, 1.5" embossed metal ornate shield shaped pocket watch fob on leather strap



W626-\$22.00 Fourth of July Celebration Subscription Committee Queens Village 1923, 1.75" paper: A. Hoecker, Brooklyn



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W641-\$20.00 2.25" Catholic War Veterans 1960 Convention, Asbury Park, New Jersey State Dept., curl: Sommer Badge



W642-\$20.00 Springfield Armory 7065 Employees Pass Springfield, Mass. 2.25"



W643-\$34.00 Welcome Pacific Fleet 1919, Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, 1.25" paper: Walter N. Brunt Official Button



W644-\$20.00 Save Old Ironsides 1797-1925, paper: S.S. Frigate Constitution, Whitehead & Hoag, 7/8"



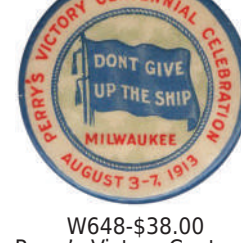
W645-\$20.00 G.A.R. logo, 1.25" (Grand Army of the Republic) paper: Rudolph Bros., Phila. (spots)



W646-\$16.00 War Savings Society picturing Ben Franklin 5/8"



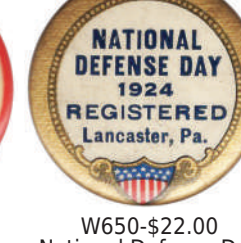
W647-\$18.00 US Treasury Volunteer 6th War Loan, 1" (1944 Nov20-Dec16) WW2



W648-\$38.00 Perry's Victory Centennial Celebration, Milwaukee 1913 Aug. 3-7, Don't Give Up The Ship, 1.25"



W649-\$20.00 1.25" Lansdowne 1940 July 4th, paper: James Spencer Buttons & Badges, Phila. (crackled)



W650-\$22.00 National Defense Day 1924 Registered Lancaster, Pa. 1.25" paper: W&H



W651-\$40.00 Sesqui-Centennial 1776-1926, 150 Years of Independence, 7/8"



W652-\$20.00 July 23rd, Will You? paper: Whitehead & Hoag, 1.25"



W653-\$22.00 patriotic flag w/gold embellishment/border 3/4", paper: Whitehead & Hoag



W654-\$24.00 3/4" flag motif paper: Whitehead & Hoag



W655-\$28.00 The Garden Spot of U.S.A. Lancaster, PA, 1.25" War Memorial & flag



W656-\$28.00 Welcome Home 83rd Air Borne Division 1.25"



W657-\$28.00 Bell System, All Out for Defense, Good Service, 1", paper: Torsch & Franz Badge Co., Balt., MD



W658-\$20.00 Knights of Liberty 3/4", curl: Green Duck 1", paper: Torsch & Franz Nationalist Vigilante group using violence against "disloyalty" in US (stain)



W659-\$14.00 Crowell-Collier Junior Salesmen, V-Victory, 7/8", paper: Whitehead & Hoag, stained edges



W660-\$15.00 S.S. State of Delaware (Passenger & excursion steamboat operated early to mid 1900's w/NY, Phila., & reg. waterways routes) 1.25"



W661-\$20.00 Defense Councils of PA curl: Phila. Badge Co. 7/8" WW2



W662-\$48.00 USA shield w/ Denmark, Sweden, Norway flags, paper: Walter N. Brunt, San Francisco, 1.25"



W663-\$25.00 Treat 'em Rough Club, Slogan, Unconditional Surrender, 7/8". The slogan and iconic black cat mascot were created during the early days of the U.S. Army Tank Corps in World War I. The aggressive motto and imagery were meant to project toughness and unstoppable force for the military's newest mechanized branch. The famous 1917 WWI Army Tank Corps recruitment campaign poster was illustrated by artist August William Hutaif. Shows normal wear.



W664-\$38.00 The Sky Climbers, 1", curl: Bastian Bros. Authors like those writing for vintage magazines produced popular WWI & aviation-adventure stories under titles like "The Sky Climbers" during the 1920s. The Sky Climbers of America was formed around 1929 and sponsored by major department stores and boys' clothing brands. This youth organization mirrored the structure of the Boy Scouts.



W665-\$85.00 G.A.R. Veterans 50th Anniv. 1861-65, North Haven, 1915 Sept. 11, 1.5" paper: Herrick Foote Co. Buttons & Badges, CT



W667-\$24.00 Welcome Our Heroes Home, 1.25"



W668-\$14.00 Member Humanity Legion Bowl of Rice, 1940 Feb 9-11 S.F. Chinatown, paper: OMC 1.25" (fundraising for Chinese refugees from Japanese invasion)



W669-\$14.00 Japan Started It US Will End It 1.25" WW2 (discolored across letters "U.S. W")



W670-\$12.00 U.S. Wants Mac (MacArthur for Pres) 7/8" union bug



W671-\$24.00 Gen. MacArthur photo in uniform 7/8"



W678-\$68.00 1.25" Violet Day Remembrance 1919. Violet Day began in Adelaide (capital city of South Australia) in 1915 during WWI. It was created by the Cheer-up Society to remember fallen & wounded troops. Violet flowers stood for faithfulness, humility, & patriotism. 1919 version marked post-war remembrance. It began on 2 July 1915 & was unique to South Australia in its size and scope. Volunteers sold violets throughout the State every year to raise funds for soldiers wounded at Gallipoli. On first Violet Day in 1915, one bunch of violets sold in Burra for £384 - around \$37,000 today. This provided a huge portion of the funds needed for the first Cheer up Hut in Adelaide. https://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/precious-blooms-memory-of-lost-and-fallen



W679-\$62.00 Air Force Trainee War Emergency Program 1.75"



W680-\$22.00 1", Member Dr. Scholl's 5th War Bond Drive (Launched right after D-Day. 1944 June 12-July 8, largest of 8 US war bond drives, raised \$20.6 billion.)



W681-\$22.00 Sago-Lowell Shops Payroll Allotment Plan I've Subscribed for a Defense Bond, 1" (Defense Bond, 1" military series 1943-45)



W682-\$18.00 YMCA Red Triangle Serves Our Boys In War, 7/8", paper: Whitehead & Hoag



W683-\$16.00 YMCA Serves Our Boys In War, 7/8", paper: Whitehead & Hoag



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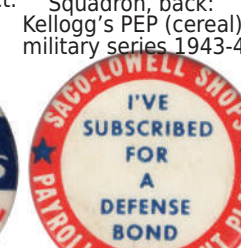
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W691-\$10.00 Lebanon War Chest Enlisted For The War 7/8", paper:



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Stephen Kohenkamp



Member Auction - Al Dorsey & Quinn Peeling



Tom McGrail, Mike Dunham, Susan Roman, Tony Lee, Jack Dixey, Lon Ellis



Glenn Clark



Peter Economou



Tom Gilmore



Benny Branvold & Tony Atkiss



Cup 'o Tea - Jack Dixey & Tom Peeling



conversations on the bourse



Maria Watkins & Hans Decker



Joe Doerring & Joseph Dobry



Ken Florey



Tony Lee



Christen Carter, Mason St. Clair & Christian Goo



Tom Zaczek,



Joanne Farina



Steven Burrage & Robin Farrell



Dennis Belt



Bob McCarthy & Don Ackerman



Jim Rosen & Scott Mussell

Now that the dust has settled a little after the National Convention I would like to mention a few things now that the convention is behind us. First of all the New England Chapter was thrilled to host this year's APIC National Convention in Danvers. It's hard to believe that the members of the NE Chapter have been talking about the possibility of hosting a National Convention for the last 30 years. The NE Chapter was also pleased to see our member Bob McCarthy recognized for all his years helping promote the APIC. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the seminars, chapter meetings and exhibits which continue to be an important part of the convention schedule. We would like to thank all the generous sponsors for their support especially Jack Dixey and the Ohio Chapter for hosting the Welcome Reception along with Dave Lindeman who handled trivia night last Wednesday. Thanks to Dennis Belt for making sure everyone was accounted for during the Kennedy Library trip. We had a successful Members Auction on Thursday thanks to Winston Blair who spent a year compiling all the quality consignments. A thanks to Auctioneer Jack Dixey, Lon Ellis, Wes Berger, Matt Dole & Tom McGrail along with helpers Al Dorsey, Andrew Mushlin, Mark Borenstein & Quinn Peeling who helped make the auction process run smoothly. Thanks to Tom Keefe and Phil Kellerman for taking the time during the busy convention to run several Seattle & Silent auctions. I also want to Michael Gruber and Dawn Sagert for all the help with the video and all the photos taken throughout the convention week. I would also like to personally thank Caleb Yonker for all his help in designing the signage, convention program, badges and other printed items and Hake's Auctions for the lanyards & bags. A big thank you to Corrine Schleicher for her help with the registration packets before and during the Convention. The Convention sold 176 dealer tables, 328 paid registrations, 106 donations, 155 sold dinner registrations and we recorded 95 daily walk ins. Also a thanks to Tony Lee, Adam Gottlieb, Becky Peeling, Brian Fessler & Mike Eressy who helped behind the scenes with social media and of course everyone who took shifts on the registration desk throughout the weeklong convention. Lastly I would like to thank APIC President Tony Lee for his continued support throughout this long process as well as Susan, Tom & Andrew for always taking each other's calls and helping create together a vision including our guest speaker Sarah Botstein for what we hope was an enjoyable and successful APIC National Convention here in New England.

Mike Dunham, 8/3/26 post on Facebook APIC Official Group

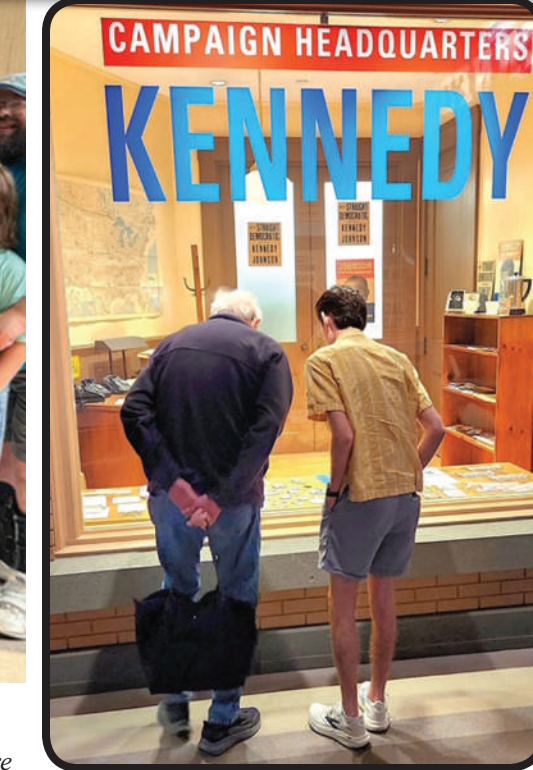
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Anne Benzing, Dawn Sagert, Christen Carter hanging out with the ladies at reception



JFK Presidential Library & Museum tour



(right) ICONIC intergen photo!!! Ted Hake & Mason St. Claire



Awards Winners Group Photo



Scott Mussell, Stella Miller, Dawn Sagert, Alex Miller



Christen Mayne Pallister



Gelke brothers, Kim & Mark



Avi Greenbaum & Rich Smigielski



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The celebration continues... See more National photos in the October Bandwagon. Something to share? Send to polbandwgn@aol.com



guest speaker Sarah Botstein



Ed Stahl & Bob Fratkin



Cary Jung, Mike Dunham, Tony Lee



Candy Lindeman & Tony Atkiss



Doug Ogden's enthusiastic ovation for Sarah along with the rest of the hall



Linwood Johnson



loading in with a smile



Mike Taylor, Amanda, John Olson



TREASURES on the WEB

By Paul Bengston

Last month I had a hard time coming up with items for this article, this month I had plenty to choose from. Things seem to run that way in collecting. A time of plenty usually follows a period of drought. It is easy to let those drought periods get you down on grassroots hunting. You want to sleep in and skip the flea market. I have learned just to enjoy the people and experience of flea markets, estate sales, antique shows and shops, if I find something, bonus. Just when you least expect it, there sits a gem. The best hunters are the ones who show up consistently. I would encourage young collectors to get in the habit of going out and sniffing around. Make it part of your routine. Talk with the dealers, hand out a business card. This type of ground game still works eventually.

Both the Hake's and Anderson auctions ended this month, and each provided a wide selection of terrific and mid-priced items. As I study the prices realized, there are some amazing prices being realized on both the upside and down. The hobby seems healthy overall.

Listed as a Cleveland item, this Harrison Reid tin shell jugate offered good value at \$125.

From "The Republican Club of Massachusetts Sixth Annual Dinner, Oct. 21 '96.", this large 2 ½" is an impressive item. One day event items are almost always rare as are larger McKinley Hobart jugates. This sold for \$158.

This unusual Bryan Sewall "16 to 1 Free Silver" stud sold for a very reasonable \$71. Not one you see often.

The clock is set at 16 minutes to one o'clock on this stunning 7/8" jugate of Bryan and Sewall. Having sold near \$1000 in the past, this one sold at the opening bid of \$625.

With a fancy metal frame, this "Our President Roosevelt" pin sold for \$108.

This TR Fairbanks jugate comes in sizes from 7/8" up to 2 1/8". Two sizes were offered this month with the 2 1/8" selling for \$191 and the 1 ¼" selling for only \$64. These are great looking sepia items.

From the New York state convention, this Alton Parker badge with a large sepia celluloid riveted on sold for \$326. There just aren't many Parker badges. The condition of this couldn't have been better.

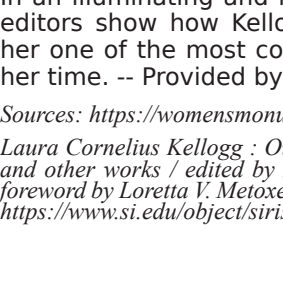
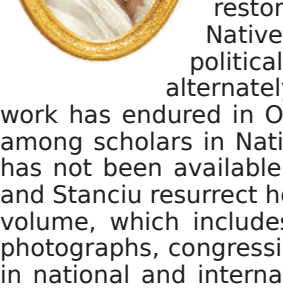
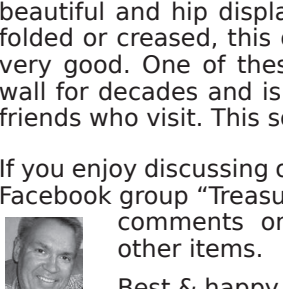
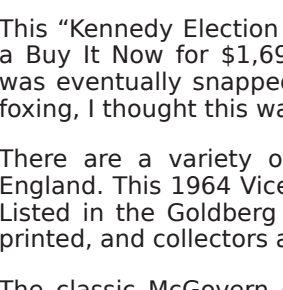
1912 TR items are difficult to find. This colorful 1 ¼" with RWB edge sold for the opening bid of \$600. It can be paired up with a Wilson and Taft versions.

Not practically rare, this 1 ¼" graphic Wilson is a darn good-looking item for only \$70.

You can still get a Cox Roosevelt item without breaking the bank as seen in the final \$46 price of this small enamel stud with a donkey.

Large Coolidge items are few and far between. This 2 1/8" trigate pocket mirror helps fill some space for only \$193.

Building a Davis frame is tough. It took me years and I intentionally sought out larger items to help fill space.



This 7/8" Davis has been reproduced but this one still had the original back paper. It sold for \$131.

Issued in Wisconsin, this 1" FDR with a blue rim and gold background is a handsome item. This one sold for \$51.

Another handsome FDR sold was this black & white 7/8" pin. It sold for \$77.

Lithographic buttons tend to be common and to lack design but there are exceptions to this rule. This ¾" Landon is a rule breaker being graphically interesting and rather scarce. This sold for \$101.

This 1 ¼" "Harry S. Truman" pin is an odd one. I have found 2 of these over the years, one of which had back paper. I doubt very much that this is a 1948 item and more likely from his post presidential travels and campaigning. This one sold for only \$42 as I imagine many are skeptical of it.

This fun "Get Your Ass Off the Grass" 1 ¼" Dewey pin is a fun slogan item and sold here for \$125. There is a more graphic colorful version that is much more difficult to acquire.

From his 1st campaign, this 1 ¼" "McCarthy for Congress" pin with a green ribbon sold for \$30. These used to show up in Minnesota, but they seem to have dried up. There are 2 versions of this size with slightly different union bugs. A nice must have item for any McCarthy frame.

This "Kennedy Election Night Press" pin popped up for a Buy It Now for \$1,695 and sat there for a while. It was eventually snapped up. With only moderate edge foxing, I thought this was a good buy.

There are a variety of RFK items that came out of England. This 1964 Vice-Pres version sold for only \$36. Listed in the Goldberg books, these are rather poorly printed, and collectors are somewhat skeptical of them.

The classic McGovern concert poster is a beautiful and hip display item. Often seen folded or creased, this one appeared to be very good. One of these has hung on my wall for decades and is always admired by friends who visit. This sold for \$300.

If you enjoy discussing online sales, join the Facebook group "Treasures on the Web" for comments on these and many other items.

Best & happy hunting,

SUFFRAGE: LAURA CORNELIUS KELLOGG

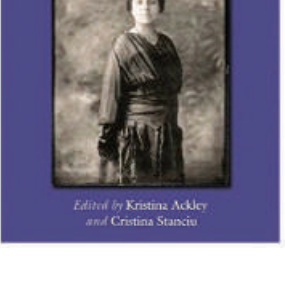
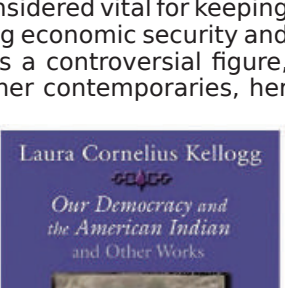
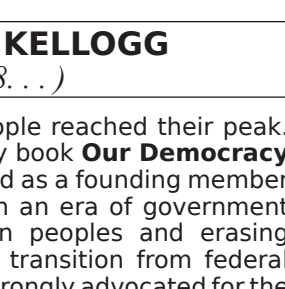
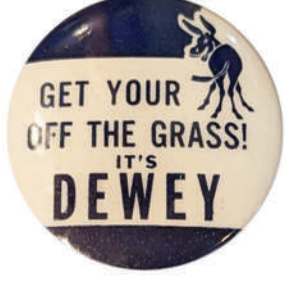
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when efforts to Americanize Native people reached their peak. She is best known for her extraordinary book **Our Democracy and the American Indian (1920)** and as a founding member of the Society of American Indians. In an era of government policies aimed at assimilating Indian peoples and erasing tribal identities, Kellogg supported a transition from federal paternalism to self-government. She strongly advocated for the restoration of tribal lands, which she considered vital for keeping Native nations together and for obtaining economic security and political autonomy. Although Kellogg was a controversial figure, alternately criticized and championed by her contemporaries, her work has endured in Oneida community memory and among scholars in Native American studies, though it has not been available to a broader audience. Ackley and Stanciu resurrect her legacy in this comprehensive volume, which includes Kellogg's writings, speeches, photographs, congressional testimonies, and coverage in national and international newspapers of the time. In an illuminating and richly detailed introduction, the editors show how Kellogg's prescient thinking makes her one of the most compelling Native intellectuals of her time. -- Provided by publisher.

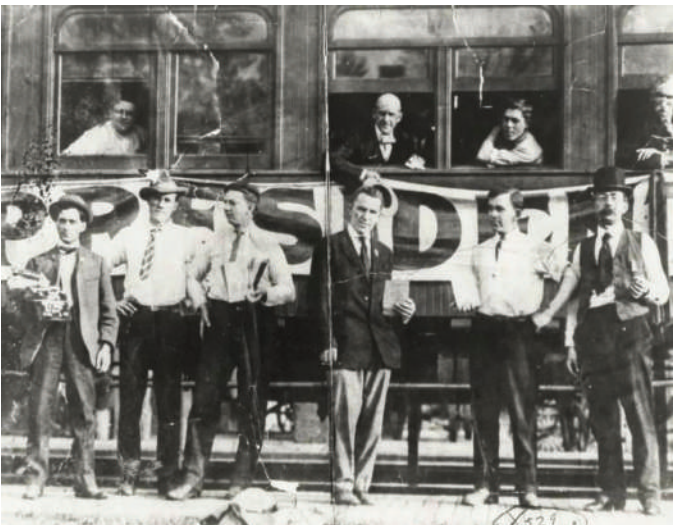
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DECEPTIONS ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

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Eugene V. Debs looks out the window of the "Red Special," his 1908 Socialist presidential campaign train. Courtesy of Indiana State University Library, Special Collections, evd photo F14-0001.

that showed him wearing a broad-rimmed hat.

The reporter did more than stand on the platform and wave.

The journalist went on to deliver a brief speech similar to the one he had heard the candidate deliver before. Bryan, who had approved the charade, kept out of sight in his private railroad car.

Unlike Harrison, Bryan knew in advance that someone would impersonate him. The candidate's familiar hat, the reporter's resemblance to him, and the crowd's limited opportunity to see the man on the back platform were apparently enough to make the deception work.

It was not until 40 years later that the deception finally became known. The episode was recounted by Ejler Jakobsson in his August 1956 article for Railroad magazine.

Eugene Debs' Brother Takes His Place

The exhausting pace of whistle-stop campaigning took a physical toll on Socialist presidential candidate Eugene Debs during his 1908 campaign.

According to Debs' biographer Ray Ginger in his book, *The Bending Cross*, "He was now so weary that he could hardly crawl out of his berth, and the sound of his voice had scarcely died out before he was back in bed. His throat felt raw and tired; a metal band seemed to be tightening across his forehead. Day after endless day, Debs drove himself out on the rear platform to smile and wave at the adoring hundreds. . . .

"But the time finally arrived when he just could not stand the pace. It became obvious that Debs would never finish the trip unless he conserved his energy."

Debs' brother Theodore and campaign aide Stephen Reynolds devised a scheme to give the candidate some much-needed rest.

Ginger recounted:

"Theodore was almost a dead ringer for his brother, except that he was nine years younger. When a crowd in a station yard at night began to shout for Debs, Theodore turned up his coat collar, pulled down his hat brim, and stepped onto the back platform.

"Reynolds hastily announced that 'Comrade Debs is quite tired; we are now behind schedule; we have a very important meeting in the next town; Comrade Debs will not speak.'

"Then Theodore quickly stepped back into the coach. A few days of this favored treatment gave Debs a chance to partially regain his strength. The accustomed fire came back into Debs' voice."

The account does not indicate whether Debs approved the plan in advance. But the deception helped him recover enough strength to continue his campaign.

Franklin Roosevelt Gives His Usher A Presidential Assignment

President Franklin D. Roosevelt recruited his own impersonator during his 1936 campaign train tour.

Journalist Bernard Asbell recalled in *When F.D.R. Died* that at one point on the tour Roosevelt was tired of sitting by the window of his railroad car and waving to crowds in every town the train passed. According to the journalist, Roosevelt asked White House usher William D. Simmons, "How would you like to be President for a while? Only for a little while. Maybe an hour or two."

Roosevelt then provided Simmons with the props and coaching he needed

and decided to go to his rescue. The correspondent, whose build and facial features resembled the candidate's, borrowed Bryan's hat, and placed it on his own head.

As the train pulled slowly into the station, Congressman Berry escorted the reporter out to the back platform, where they were greeted by the crowd with a roar of applause. It's doubtful that any of the townspeople had ever seen Bryan in person or knew what he sounded like, but all were familiar with the newspaper pictures

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to impersonate the president. "With a flourish, Roosevelt turned over his cigarette holder to Simmons and showed him how to wave a big, open-fingered hand in the Rooseveltian manner and how to smile a big, open-jawed smile."

"Fine! Fine!" the president said again. "Now, every time we pass a town, just sit there and wave. I'm tired. I'm going to take a nap." And he wheeled out of the lounge.

Simmons then performed his temporary presidential duties.

All across Arkansas, "Simmons sat by the president's window. At each town, the train slowed, not too little, nor too much, just enough so the local townsfolk could experience the incomparable thrill of seeing" someone who appeared to be Franklin Roosevelt waving to them, Asbell said.

The people beside the tracks went home believing that they had seen Roosevelt. In reality, they had seen a White House usher who had been coached by the president on how to imitate his smile and wave.

Harry Truman Assigns An Aide To Wave

Sometimes just having a vague or passing resemblance to a candidate and waving to crowds from a speeding train could be enough to pull off the deception.

Tom Evans, an aide to then-Senator Harry Truman, who was F.D.R.'s running mate in 1944, recalled getting that assignment in a June 13,



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A.P.I.C. NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026

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Greetings; I just got home from the National in Danvers MA and it was awesome!!! I think this is the 10th National I have attended and is my favorite with the exception of my first in Seattle. Thanks to the New England Chapter for hosting and doing the heavy lifting. Special thanks to Michael Dunham, Thomas McGrail, Andrew Muslin and Susan Roman.

There were 176 dealer tables and 328 registered attendees. The bourse was full of quality items and had as many shoppers as I can remember. There was so much material that it was overwhelming to my jaded eye; I can't imagine what it would have been like for a junior collector.

Tom Peeling's granddaughter Quinn ran errands throughout to ensure no dealers starved or became dehydrated. She worked only for tips but was so successful she was able to fund her marine science camp.

The member auction contained 111 lots and brought in approximately \$57,000. It was incredibly strong in pinbacks. Some of the results are listed below; my gestalt was that prices were stronger than they had been in the past. I think most consignors were satisfied.

If you haven't been to a National, I would strongly recommend attending one but be prepared it is like getting a sip of water out of a fire hose. Rumor is the next one will be in either Chicago or Milwaukee but if you can't wait 2 years try the "Big Show" in Canton or the Western Regional in Las Vegas.



Lot 6 \$2400 mechanical



Lot 3 \$575



Lot 10 \$1350



Lot 35 \$2000



Lot 45 \$850



Lot 65 \$650



Lot 77 \$475



Lot 31 \$600



Lot 36 \$1750

APIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES July 29th, 2026 in Danvers, MA

Board Members present: Tony Lee, Winston Blair, Tom Morton, Mike Dunham, Tom McGrail, Adam Gottlieb, David Wilson, David Stelzer, John Olsen, Patrick Mara, Michael Brooks, Frank Acker, Drew Hecht, Wes Berger, Mark Gelke, Barb Zaczek, Adam Kress, Sean Solomon, Dennis Belt

Other appointed or ex-officio officials present: Cary Jung, Tom Peeling, Dani Peeling, Robert Fratkan, Lon Ellis, Benny Brandvold

Call to order at: 1:31 PM

Welcome Remarks and Updates: Tony Lee welcomed everyone to Danvers for the meeting. A memorial list of members will be read at the Awards dinner. Tony also welcomed Benny Brandvold as the new Newsletter Editor for the APIC, who encouraged members to submit items for future Bandwagon issues.

Membership Services report: Dani Peeling updated the current membership roster, we have gained 32 new APIC members since the last Board meeting. Total APIC membership is currently at 1,313. We will change the Keynoter shown price from \$5 to \$6. APIC member Rob Lehmann has agreed to cover some new membership dues. Dani gave an update on Constant Contact and using the mass email service to reach all APIC members. We have used the service to send out reminders to encourage people to renew. Tony Lee encouraged members to use the email service to promote shows.

Secretary's Report: Winston Blair gave an update on the APIC Election results, we had 60 members cast a ballot, down from 330 from the 2024 election. There were no contested races this time.

APIC Financial Report: Tom Morton gave an update, we have had several sizable donations that have helped our finances. Expenses are roughly in line with what we have budgeted for.

2026 APIC National Convention Update: Mike Dunham gave an update, 325 members registered for the convention. There are 77 dealers setting up, 153 dinner registrations, over 50 people went on the Kennedy Library tour. Donations were generous and really helped. Mike thanked Caleb Yonker for his graphic art work. Tom McGrail updated us on the finances, we will have a profitable convention for the APIC.

2028 APIC National Convention Update: Barb Zaczek gave an update on a possible Chicago area National Convention with herself, Tom O'Connor, and Pat Kehoe being the co-chairs. They are currently looking at venues in the general area. A report will be submitted before the next Board meeting.

Keynoter Report: Tom Peeling reported that Michael Tews who has done the designing of the Keynoter has retired, and Caleb Yonker has agreed to take over the layout and design going forward, and this will also save us money in the future.

New Business: Cary Jung reported that long time member Barry Mills from California passed away recently. Cary also reported that Fred Jorgensen's wife recently passed away. Sean Solomon gave an update on trading cards that are using photocopies of documents and autographs as being signed but are not legit, and warned us to be on the lookout for items like this. Bob Fratkan reported on a company that's re-making expensive looking Teddy Roosevelt items that could potentially fool collectors. Barb Zaczek reported that we are doing the scavenger hunt for kids and can get free buttons at dealer tables. Adam Gottlieb gave an update on our social media numbers, we have 864 members on X, 1,349 members on Instagram, and we are targeting younger people to see our content.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18 PM.

(Note: The next meeting will take place later in the Fall via Zoom. Winston Blair, APIC Secretary)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2026 National Convention is in the books and it was a huge success. If you follow the APIC groups on Facebook, you've likely seen hundreds of photos and read about the activities that filled the week in Danvers. The reviews of the hotel were uniformly positive and it seems that the offerings at every seafood restaurant and food truck within a 10-mile radius were equally delicious.

I won't rehash all of the action here but I would like to share some of the highlights:

- 176 dealer tables sold. It would have been 20+ more but some of our most frequent dealers experienced health issues that prevented them from attending.
- 328 paid registrations for the convention, plus 96 members of the public who paid to attend at the door, as well as several dozen who showed up for room hopping but not the bourse.
- 155 attended the awards dinner where speaker Sarah Botstein received rave reviews.
- 62 members attended the trip to the John F. Kennedy Library.
- 106 members made donations above and beyond their cost to attend the convention.
- 4 different seminars attracted more than 100 attendees throughout Wednesday morning.
- The exhibit room featured a wide range of collecting interests, from insects to Eisenhower to an array of Massachusetts politicians.

The awards dinner placed a spotlight on a handful of members who each received a plaque in front of the appreciative crowd in attendance. Those included:

Tom Peeling - Inducted into the APIC Hall of Fame

Harvey Goldberg - President's Award as the retiring editor of the APIC Newsletter

Bob McCarthy - Lifetime Achievement Award as a founding member of the New England Chapter

Cary Jung - Lifetime Achievement Award as a former APIC President

Adam Gottlieb - Chick Harris Keynoter Award for his contributions to the Keynoter magazine

Ken Florey - Ceil Harris Specialty Collector Award for his long-time documentation of the women's suffrage movement

Outstanding Service Awards were given to:
Mike Dunham, Susan Roman and Tom McGrail - for serving as chairpeople of the 2026 National Convention

Matt Dole and Winston Blair - for their services as APIC Secretary

Thanks, Tony

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FIRST LADIES OF THE APIC

When I went to my first shows years ago many of the bourse tables were "manned" dutifully by spouses; this isn't as prevalent today and, in my opinion, has made it a bit less inviting. One of these women, Kathy Hosner, has been a fixture at every show I've attended. She has always been engaging and perceptive. She lent me a much-needed ear over lunch when some personal struggles bubbled up at one of the nationals not too many years ago. She reports her first national was in Hartford almost 50 years ago. She and Ken had attended several shows prior to that: the Michigan show and the one put on "by the Giffords." She met Ken in college and they traveled out to a winery that offered "cool bottles" that made excellent vases for the dorm. On the way, they stopped at a garage sale and she bought him some political buttons which she thought would be good props for his new position as a high school teacher. She remembers a Smith and some common but is not sure how long they stayed in the collection. A local jewelry store was offering a promotion, 50% off diamonds if you came into their store at 4:00am in your pajamas; they got their engagement ring and it was still early, so they took in an antique show. There they met Mark Jacobs (Joe's son) and

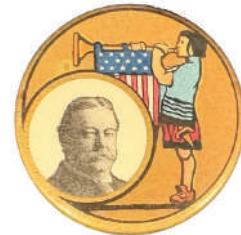
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APIC NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2026, Continued

William Howard Taft was the only president born in September. Born Sept 15, 1857, in Cincinnati OH, he was also the only man to be President of the United States as well as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He attended Yale and was a member of the Skull and Bones Fraternity; his father was a founding member. He went on to study law at the University of Cincinnati. Known as the heaviest president, he peaked at 340lbs but was quite a sportsman. He was the intramural wrestling champion at Yale and was a proficient golfer. He was a founding member of the Cincinnati Country Club and was the owner of the land that became the golf course. His handicap was 20 but he was known to be a bit erratic, posting a 27 on a single hole; I guess that speaks for his integrity. I certainly would have picked up and posted a smiley face. He was governor of the Philippine's Territory and was Teddy Roosevelt's Secretary of War. On a western tour in 1907, he admonished a railroad camp as being a "sewer of sin" and a "blight on the American landscape." A newsman called it the "wickedest town in America; it had a population of 2000 with an estimated 500 prostitutes. The town named itself "Taft" after his visit and later burned to the ground in 1910. Today it is just a sign along I90 as you approach the Idaho border.

He was hand picked by TR to be his successor to the presidency. He easily received the republican nomination and coasted to victory over William Bryan by a 321-162 electoral count. During his presidency he drifted away from Roosevelt's progressive agenda and when TR returned from Africa, he challenged Taft for the Nomination. Teddy dominated the primaries winning 278 of the 362 delegates decided in this fashion. Most of Taft's delegates came from state conventions. Taft's control of the convention resulted in seating his contested delegations from the south. This and other perceived injustices resulted in TR and his delegates bolting the convention and establishing the Progressive Party. Taft realized he could not win but felt for the good of the party it would be better to push forward even if Wilson were to be elected. Taft finished a distant third carrying only Utah and Vermont. He returned to teaching at Yale and was appointed to the Supreme Court by Warren Harding. He resigned due to failing health in 1930 and died months later.



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he signed them up for the APIC. She recalls many nights at APIC hotels with their young son and manning the table while Ken took off. He was supposed to have his phone, but when he wasn't available sometimes, she extended a more generous discount than the standing 10%. She recalls one incident when she and Ceil Harris were gossiping while holding down the fort and Chick returned and queried whether they "weren't supposed to be selling buttons." Ceil's reply summed it up perfectly; "we ladies can do more than one thing!" Cathy collects midcentury modern jewelry; below are a set of earrings that are some of her favorites.

Thank you Cathy.



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Oct 30-31: The Big Show (2 days), 2260 International Pkwy, North Canton, OH 44720. Fri. & Sat. 9am-4pm. Contact: Jack Dixey, dixeycitylimits@yahoo.com or 419-610-9270

Nov 6-7: Mid-Atlantic Regional Show, Sheraton Bucks County, 400 Oxford Valley Rd, Langhorne, PA 19047. Fri. & Sat. 9am-5pm Contact: Ed Stahl, collectorstuff@msn.com or 609-462-4817.

Dec 12: Northern California Political and Pop Culture Show and Sale, 10am-12pm. Sierra 2 Center, Curtis Hall, 2791 24th St. Sacramento CA, Contact Adam Gottlieb (916)956-2030 or gottlieb007@hotmail.com

Jan 23, 2027: 2nd Biennial Las Vegas Western Regional APIC Show, Gold Coast Resort & Casino, 4000 West Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89103. Sat, Jan 23, 2027, 7am-6pm. Contact: Cary Demont, caryd8@comcast.net

Feb 13: Big Apple Super Bowl Weekend Show, 9am-3pm, Union Fire Company Banquet Hall, 1396 River Rd, Titusville, NJ Contact Tony Lee, (609)310-0817 or tonylee08560@gmail.com

Feb 27 South Florida Political and Historical Collectibles Show, 9am-3pm, Palm Beach Gardens Moose Lodge, 3600 RCA Blvd, Palm Beach FL Contact Tom Peeling, (561)707-3090 or TRbuttons@aol.com



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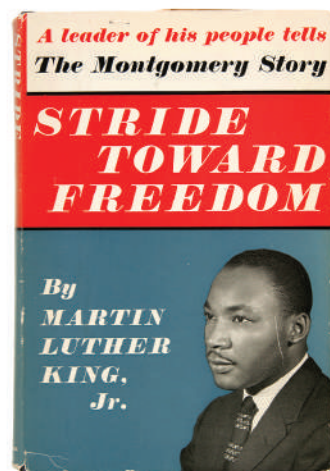
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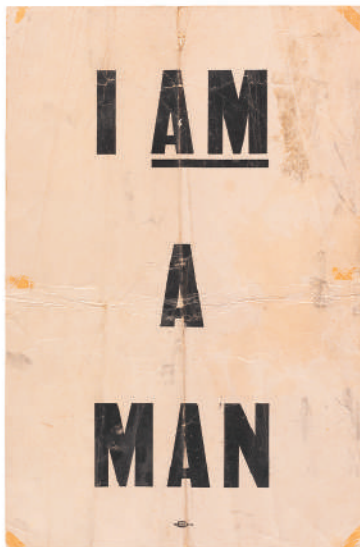
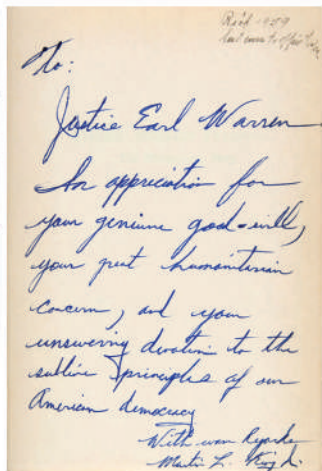
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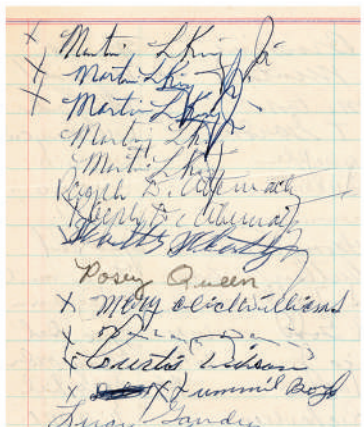
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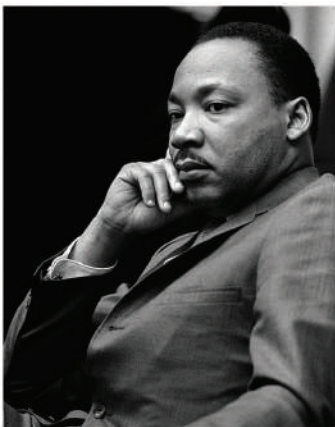
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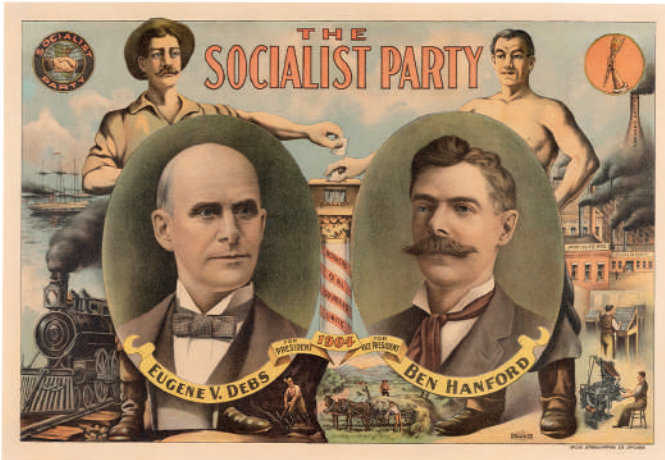
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