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My FUN convention wrapped up with a meeting with Tom Uram who works with the ANA on planned giving. Tom is an ex-ANA president, and a career finance professional, and it is the sum of volunteer efforts such as this that makes the organization. If any of the readers are of a mind to support the ANA, I'm happy to connect you with Tom.

Following the show, dealers David Kahn, Gerry Fortin, John Brush, Laura Sperber, Shannon Rajkitkul, and no doubt many others, all issued tremendously positive reports. The consensus is that that the accelerating precious metals market is activating latent interest in rare coins. This has been the pattern in the past and is again operative. I expect well-attended shows in Savannah (the upcoming ANA winter convention) and for the Whitman March Baltimore event as well.

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OPINIONS & ANALYSIS as Silver reaches \$118.45 an ounce on January 29, 2026, but plunges by -\$30 to \$85.15 the next day...?

From the Editor: Curious about it, so let us know how others feel? With precious metal **Silver** now at over \$118+/oz., an all-time high, is this the time to sell any silver coins whose bullion value exceeds their numismatic value for common dates and all grade ranges?

We are now certainly in uncharted territory! Is this a big bubble that will soon burst, or is this going to be the new bid/sell price range for precious metal dealers for the foreseeable future?

What? ..a -\$30 Burst in the Bubble in one day?

I'm not referring to junk silver here, but for many 20th century collectible coins, they are now actually worth more than their numismatic value based on all Grey Sheet pricing of only a couple months ago.

Anonymous Response #1: As to your "sell or hold" question; for us collectors with gray hair, this is probably a good time to simplify our holdings. Thinning the herd of silver odds and ends that aren't part of our core collection... Stuff we don't need to burden our heirs with eventually liquidating. If you're worried about selling only to see silver go even higher, then consider selling a portion of it, and then selling the rest if it does advance further. The trap is trying to sell stuff at "the top" vs selling at a very good price. My two cents...

Don't blink or you be left in the dust, "silver dust" that is... lol

What are your thoughts? Let us know by emailing your opinion to the editor at:
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