

Group Seeks Private Alternative Currency to Federal Reserve Notes

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Warehouse receipts backed by silver bullion are being offered as a private alternative to Federal Reserve notes by an organization that hopes to persuade businesses nationwide to accept them as they would other forms of currency.

AMERICAN Liberty Currency is being promoted as a private alternative to FRNs. Shown here are all three denominations, plus the back design.

American Liberty Currency warehouse receipts were unveiled Oct. 1 in Evansville, Ind., at the headquarters of the National Organization for the Repeal of the Federal Reserve Act.

The ALC receipts come in three denominations, \$1 (backed by a tenth ounce of silver), \$5 (backed by a half ounce of silver) and \$10 (backed by an ounce of silver) and are printed on silver-foiled paper with brown, purple or blue inks, respectively. The ornately designed warehouse receipts, featuring the Statue of Liberty on the face, are printed on silver foiled high-quality paper.

Microprinted in the borders are the Preamble to the Declaration of Independence, the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights, a portion of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution. Anti-counterfeiting devices include a hologram in the lower left corner of the face of the certificate and a special DNA code. The organization would provide no information about the DNA code security device.

NORFED advocates the repeal of the Federal Reserve Banking Act of 1913 and the Income Tax Act of 1913. It is a member-based, nonprofit organization. Its members want businesses throughout the United States to accept the certificates as a valid means of exchange just as they accept credit cards.

The receipts are redeemable on demand by the bearer for .999 silver 1-ounce "Liberty Silvers." Sunshine Minting Inc. holds the silver backing the receipts. The receipts are redeemable for 20 years from the date of issue. According to the receipt, theft, storage and insurance fees have been prepaid for five years from date of issue. After that, storage and insurance fee are 1 percent per year of the value of silver prorated at the time of surrender. Additional fees limited to shipping and handling may be incurred upon surrender of the receipt.

Bernard von NotHaus, senior economist at NORFED, said the receipts "offer Americans an alternative currency backed by silver." Von NotHaus is probably best known as mint master of the Royal Hawaiian Mint, Honolulu. Von NotHaus said he's spent 24 years extensively

researching and reviewing economic models, currencies and financial systems (including the Federal Reserve).

"For years America was saddled with a slow, poor postal service. Finally, Federal Express brought competition to this heavily subsidized government agency that no one thought could change. And it responded and improved noticeably," von NotHaus said. "NORFED emulates this model by bringing a superior product to America's monetary system, its currency."

For \$20 Federal Reserve notes buyers will receive a \$10, \$5 and five \$1 ALCs. There is a national network of purchase/redemption centers in 10 states. For more information, contact NORFED, 4900 Tippecanoe, Suite 6, Evansville, IN 47715.

The organization's toll-free telephone number is (888) 421-6181. The NORFED's Internet site is located at www.libertydollar.org.