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Far Side ISS Coin

Small-edition silver coin for a Space Force mission

A small-edition hand-cast .999 silver coin that translated a Gary Larson tribute from two-dimensional cartoon language into relief, mold work, and lost-wax casting.

The Far Side ISS Coin began as an unusually specific recognition object: a small run of silver coins connected to a Space Force research mission carrying tribute material to the International Space Station.

ChiLab translated the two-dimensional cartoon reference into a legible relief model at coin scale, then moved the design through 3D printing, mold preparation, investment, and casting in .999 silver.

At roughly an inch and a half across, the project compressed digital modeling, hand casting, finishing, and copyright-sensitive cultural material into a tiny object with an outsized story.

DETAILS	CREDITS
Year 2026	Client: U.S. Air Force Academy / Space Force mission team
Location Chicago, IL / International Space Station	Mission lead: Major Travis Tubbs
Category Objects	Original artwork: Gary Larson / FarWorks, Inc.
Materials .999 silver, castable resin, investment mold, lost-wax casting	



