



Coin Club Newsletter

September, 2007 Fiftieth anniversary year 1957-2007 Year 1

September Meeting

Meeting: 7:30pm September 5

Trading: 7:00–7:30pm **VFW Post 1307**

1601 Weld Road

Elgin, IL

Prizes

Member: 1863 1c.

YN: French Jules Verne 25

euro cent

Raffle: 1885 1c.

1864 2c.

1917-S 10c.

1918-S 10c.

1942-P 10c.

1945-P 10c.

2005-S WV 25c.

2006-S NE 25c.

2006-S ND 25c.

Not a member?

Come anyway and join the fun! Give your spouse a break and bring your children to the club.

ECC Meeting 593

 Opened:
 7:30
 Closed 9:00

 Members:
 18
 YNs: 0

 Guests:
 0
 Beginning:
 \$398.50

 Income:\$66.00
 50/50:\$42.50

Expenses: \$175.00 **Current balance:** \$307.00

March program

This month's program will be the clubs 50th anniversary. All members are encouraged to bring whatever memorabilia they may have. We will also ask the members to talk for a minute about their experiences and feelings about the Elgin coin club. A special souvenir set of coins marking different club anniversaries will be available for purchase. Cost of these sets is \$8.00

August Minutes

Doug called the meeting to order at 7:30. The Secretaries and Treasurers reports were accepted as published. Old and new business was discussed and show and tells were given. We then went into the month's program, which was a grading seminar. After the program, raffle tickets were sold and winners selected. The meting adjourned about 9:00 pm.

Secretary's Report

The club members accepted the report as printed in the August newsletter.

Treasurer's report

Balance: \$398.50
The club members accepted the report as published in the newsletter.

Old Business
The seminar at Elgin Community
College was cancelled at the last
minute. The club will try again next
year to hold a seminar at the
college.

New Business All tables for our next coin show are sold.

Prizes

We had our customary raffle and membership drawings. The raffle winners were Lucky, Lucky, Guy, Jeff, Shea, Greg, Don E., Don E., Mary and Kiki.

Member: Don E.

YN: None

The meeting closed around 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by Jim D.

Board Meeting

On August 8, Don, Shea, Jim D. and Eagle met to discuss club business and select prizes for the September meeting.

Shows

- September 2 Lemont Coin Expo, Lesnieski Center, 127th & Lemont Rd., Lemont, IL
- October 14 West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Park Place Banquet Hall, 6240 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL
- September 16 NOISE Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 860 Irving Park Rd (2 blocks E. of IL 53), Itasca, IL.
- September 23 D'Atri Auctions, Double Tree Guest Suites, 2111 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL.

Oct 28 Elgin coin club annual coin show. VFW post 1307, 1601 weld rd., Elgin,

IL

Show and tell

Jim D brought in a colorized silver eagle and a partial set of Buffalo nickels as discussed in the August newsletter.

Eagle brought in a coin from the Republic of Somalia in the shape of a motorcycle.

Don C. showed a book of paper money obtained at no cost for the club. Any member who wishes to borrow the book see don at the meeting.

Lucky brought in a capitol holder in the shape if Illinois. Inside the holder are an 1818 large cent and an 1818 half dollar.

Editorial

ANA election results. Just before this years ANA convention the results for the board of governors elections were released. Both President Barry Stuppler and Vice-president Patricia Jagger-Finner ran unopposed so they were elected with one vote. In the contests for the board of governors where the votes cast actually mattered the winners were Clifford Mishler, Chester Krause, Edward Rochette, Joseph Boling, Radford Stearns, Walter Ostromecki and Wendell Wolka. In a surprising move by the ANA electorate, those who actually took the time to vote removed all incumbent candidates seeking re-election. Out of the 31,263 ballots sent out only 7,171 were returned and out of that number. 505 were voided for various election violations. Let us hope this new board will put aside personal agendas and perform their duties better than the previous board. After all two years is not a lot of time, just ask Don Kagin. Now if only we can do the same with Congress. 2007 Farran Zerbe Award announced. This year's winner of the Farran Zerbe award was announced in the August issue of Numismatist magazine. First awarded in 1952 the Zerbe Award is given to those who have spent many

vears in service to the hobby. Past Zerbe award winners include R. S. Yeoman, Glenn Smedley, Eric Newman, Chester Krause, Cliff Mishler. Adna Wilde ir., Dave Bowers and Bert and Ken Bressett. This years winners John and Nancy Wilson's contributions to numismatics as ANA executives, educators and good will ambassadors make them a well deserved choice for this award. Whenever I attend either the Chicago International Coin Fair or Mid-west Coin Expo, I always see John and Nancy there working the front desk, greeting collectors or working behind the scenes. If the show has seminars scheduled many times John and Nancy will present one of the several programs they have prepared. The Elgin coin club congratulates John and Nancy on this award and is proud to have them as members of our club. Keep up the good work, the hobby needs more people like you.

Merit badge night. While at the ANA convention in Milwaukee, Don and I attended a seminar on Boy Scout coin collecting merit badges. During the seminar, Don began gathering information on how the Elgin coin club can hold a similar seminar at either one of our meetings or at the annual show. We will discuss the possibility of holding such a seminar at the next meeting and would appreciate any input on the subject. I believe this is a good way of encouraging collecting in this area and possibly recruit some new members.

Club of the month

Elgin Coin Club

Founded in 1957 the Elgin Coin Club has served the numismatic community in northeast Illinois for fifty years. But what makes this club special? How has it kept vital while so many other clubs in the area have disbanded? The biggest reason is the clubs membership. Our club may not have the largest membership or the deepest pockets, what we do have are members who care deeply about the club. Another reason is the interesting programs and activities the club provides. Each month our

members bring in a variety if interesting items for our show and tells. Several times each year a member will present a lecture on a favorite topic and sometimes we will show slides or videos from the ANA. Before each meeting, members can buy, sell or trade whatever coins they bring with them. At the end of each meeting is a raffle with some valuable prizes and a drawing for a member's only prize. Four times a year the club holds an auction. Two of the auctions are by the members selling extra inventory. The sellers receive all proceeds of the sale, as there are no buyers or sellers fees. The other two auctions are "White Elephant" auctions. In these auctions, all lots are donated to the club and the club keeps all proceeds. Over the last 8-10 years one item that keeps showing up in the white elephant auction is a bottle of shredded money. Who wins this item signs the label and re-donates the item to the next auction. The two biggest days of the year in the club are our annual coin show and holiday dinner. Since 1962, the annual show has been the primary source of funds for the club. At the show, there are over 30 dealers, an appraisal table run by a club member, a raffle featuring valuable gold and silver coins, a young numismatist auction and door prizes. Our December meeting has the largest attendance of the year due to the nice dinner the club provides. The main purpose of the holiday dinner is to encourage fellowship among the club members. It is this fellowship that keeps the club vital and alive and perhaps the club will still be around to celebrate its centennial in 2057.

Coin quiz

- 1. Who was president when the club was founded?
- 2. The wife of what coin designer was once a member of the club?
- 3. Who was the editor of this newsletter when it won first place in the ANA publications contest?
- 4. What current member writes for World coin news?
- 5. What member of the club was once president

of the ANA?

Elgin Coin Club

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President — Doug Nelson Vice President — Steve Hardman **Treasurer** — Shea Finnegan **Secretary** —Jim Davis

Regular Meeting:

First Wednesday VFW Post 1307 1601 Weld Road Elgin, IL 7:30pm

Visitors are always welcome. Weld Road is a frontage road between McLean and Randall Roads just south of US 20 on the south side of Elgin.

Board Meeting: We have a board meeting about two weeks after the regular meeting. We get together at one of the officer or board member's houses or at a location otherwise determined by the officers. This is an *open* meeting. Members are welcome to all board meetings. If you want to attend, contact an officer for the time of and directions to the meeting place.

Internet: The club has a home page on the internet at *www.worksandwords.com*. You can view the monthly newsletter there about three or four days after it is sent out to the members.

Club Dues: Membership dues in the Elgin Coin Club, payable by the end of February each year, are:

- · \$10 full member
- \$5 junior member (YNs) under 18
- \$15 family membership (all adults and children in the family)

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Answers 1. Eisenhower. 2. Rovelstad (Gloria). 3. Metras. 4. Dool. 5. Wilson (John)