



Elgin



Coin Club Newsletter

April 2009

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March Meeting

Meeting: 7:30pm April 1
Trading: 7:00–7:30pm
Location: VFW Post 1307
 1601 Weld Road
 Elgin, IL

Prizes

Member: 1967 cent to half
YN: 2009 P+D 1c.
Raffle: 1903 1c.
 1905 1c.
 1908 1c.
 2005-S 1c.
 2009 P + D 1c. (2)
 1912-P 5c.
 1985-S 5c.
 1937-P 10c.
 1945-S 10c.
 1940-P 25c.
 1963-D 25c.
 1976-D 25c.
 2005-S 25c. CA
 2005-S 25c. KS
 2005-S 25c. WV
 2000 US Mint set
 1994 Proof Set

Not a member?
Come anyway and join the fun!
Give your spouse a break and bring your children to the club.

ECC Meeting 611

Opened: 7:30	Closed: 9:00
Members: 19	YNs: 2
Guests: 1	50/50: \$618.50
Beginning: \$2,121.68	Income: \$145.50
Expenses: \$242.43	Current balance: \$2,024.74

April program

For this month's program we will have a pizza party. There will also be a silent auction.

March minutes

Eagle called the meeting to order at 7:30. The Secretaries and Treasurers reports were read and accepted as published. Old and new business was discussed and show and tells were given. The month's program was an unopened roll search. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

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Secretary's Report

The members in attendance accepted the report as printed in March's newsletter.

Treasurer's report

Balance: \$2,121.68

The report was accepted as published in February's newsletter.

Old Business

Fantasy coin contest

- 1. Char B. 25,000**
- 2. Don C. 25,000**
- 3. Jim D. 25,000**
- 4. Marty K. 25,000**
- 5. Jim M. 25,000**
- 6. Robert V. 25,000**

New Business

The club may hold a raffle at our 2010 spring show and will offer a cash prize option at the fall show raffle.

Prizes

We had our customary raffle and membership drawings. The raffle winners were Kay, Al, Guy, Jim D., Jim M., Jim D., Lucky, Lucky, John B., Kay, Mary, Jim D., John B. and Sammi.

Member: Jim D.

YN: Sammi

50/50: John B.

The meeting closed around 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by Jim D.

Board Meeting

On March 11, Eagle, Tim, and Jim D. met to discuss club business and select prizes for the April meeting.

Shows

- **April 5** — Lemont Coin Expo, Lithuanian world center, 14911 E. 127th, Lemont, IL
- **April 12** — West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Park Place Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL
- **April 19** – NOISE Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 860 Irving Park Rd (2 blocks E. of IL 53), Itasca, IL.
- **April 26** — D'Atri Auctions, Double Tree Guest Suites, 2111 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL.
March 29, 2009 Elgin coin club spring coin show. VFW post 1307, 1601 weld rd., Elgin, IL

Show and tell

Jim D. showed a Lincoln heritage trail medal, a 106th anniversary medal of the 1st National Bank of Elgin and a 10 Trillion dollar note from Zimbabwe.

Al M showed a 2009 ultra high relief St. Gaudens \$20 gold coin.

Don D. brought in some Latin America stocks, San Martin proclamation medals from Lima, Peru, A San Martin shooting medal and a Namur copper coin dated 1499.

Bob brought in a book from the US Mint listing all coins minted for domestic use and for foreign countries thru the 1960's.

Guy showed the new Lincoln silver dollar in both proof and uncirculated and a 1972-D type 2 Ike dollar.

Marty showed a token he found on the ground from the Delmar hotel in Sleepy Eye, MN worth 5 cents in trade. The medal was struck in coin alignment.

Editorial

The Young Numismatist challenge returns. Recently the club has welcomed the attendance of a couple of YN's. To encourage future attendance the club has reinstated a YN challenge. Each participant will receive an envelope containing 20 foreign coins. To pass the challenge the YN must identify the coins by Country, Date issued and Denomination. Each coin is worth up to 5 points earned as follows. The name of the country is worth 1 point, the date is worth 2 points and the denomination is worth 2 points. A perfect score for the challenge is 100 points. If the YN earns 70 points they will receive a proof Lincoln cent. If 80 points are earned a proof Roosevelt dime is added. If 90 points are earned a proof Washington quarter is added. A perfect score will earn the YN a silver proof Kennedy half in addition to the other prizes. Most coins are easy to identify but some are tricky. The YN can use any reference book necessary or seek help from any club member. Prizes will be awarded at the May meeting.

Please wear your nametag. With the addition of new members, not everyone knows each other. To help alleviate this problem we ask everyone wear his or her nametag. An incentive to wear your tag is that only members wearing a tag are eligible to win the membership prize. Tim T. has nametags available for all paid members who have not already received their tags. If you choose you can wear this tag or any nametag issued by the club in the past.

Beauties and Beasts from the Mint. The artistic quality of some of this years issues from the Mint range in quality from outstanding to very dull. The best new issue is actually a tribute to a previous issue. The 2009 St. Gaudens ultra high relief gold

coin is a prime example of what the mint can do when it sets its mind to it. This is the coin that Teddy Roosevelt envisioned when he set forth improving the appearance of our coinage. Another attractive coin is the new Lincoln dollar. The portrait on the obverse is better than most Lincoln portraits used on other coins. The reverse is less interesting just showing an excerpt of one of his speeches.

Now for the beasts. The Presidential dollars this year are not as bad as some but still are lacking artistically. William Henry Harrison's portrait looks a bit like Richard Nixon having a bad hair day. If John Tyler's coin didn't have his name on it I would have sworn I was looking at a portrait of John Lennon and James Polk bears a resemblance to Anthony Hopkins. Lastly the new Sacagawea dollar reverse is a definite step back. The image of a Native American woman planting seeds is not very well done. Hopefully next years design will be more interesting.

Coins of the month

1992 Columbus commemoratives

This month's coins of the month are the 1992 Commemoratives honoring the 500th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage to the New World. In 1492 the Mint issued a pair of commemorative coins for the 400th anniversary. A century later the mint issued a three coin set consisting of a half-dollar, a silver dollar and a five dollar gold coin. The half-dollar is struck in the usual clad composition also used for Kennedy halves. The obverse shows Columbus walking on shore with his crew in the background and his ship offshore. The reverse shows all three of his ships, the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. T. James Farrell designed both sides of this coin. The silver dollar is struck in the same silver composition of the Morgan dollar. The obverse shows Columbus standing near a globe with his ships above and behind him. The reverse has a split image of the Santa Maria and the Space Shuttle Discovery. John Mercanti designed the obverse and Thomas D. Rogers designed the reverse. The five dollar gold coin is the same size and weight as the half

eagles struck from 1839 to 1929. The obverse shows a profile of Columbus looking at a map of the New World. The reverse shows the Spanish crest of the Admiral of the Ocean Sea. Like the dollar, John Mercanti and the reverse by Thomas D. Rogers designed the reverse. Since there are no known portraits of Columbus made during his life all images of Columbus are speculation by the artist.

The mint issued the coins in various packages in both proof and uncirculated versions.

Mintages for each coin as follows.

Half dollar 135,718 unc 390,255 proof

Dollar 106,949 unc 385,241 proof

Five dollar 24,329 unc 79,730 proof

According to Coin values the half lists for \$13 in both unc and proof. The dollar is worth \$37 unc and \$42 proof. The \$5 gold lists for \$400 unc and \$260 proof.

Just a short message from the President.

March is here and it's just about time for another Elgin Coin Club show, March 29th 2009. This one should be good with our new collector token. We hope to have a great turnout. At the last meeting we had our first roll search, a (hands on) program. I think it was a great way to have members doing something fun and finding some different stuff in circulation. I welcome all inputs if we should have this again some time? Next month don't forget to attend our pizza party April 1st (April Fools) just kidding.

If anyone found a bottle of MS70 at our last meeting, it belongs to Marty K. Please bring it to the next meeting, thanks.

Remember if you have any coins or currency to buy, sell or trade bring them to the next meeting.

Eagle McMahon
E.C.C. President

Where in the world is Mike Metras?
As of March 25th he and Petra are just east of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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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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