



# Elgin



## Coin Club Newsletter

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COLLEGIUM NUMISMA

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### April Meeting

**Meeting:** 7:30pm April 6  
**Trading:** 7:00-7:30pm  
**Location:** VFW Post 1307  
 1601 Weld Road  
 Elgin, IL

### Prizes

**Member:** 1921-P 10c.  
 1912-P 50c.  
**YN:** Westward journey 5c. set  
**Raffle:** 1844 1c.  
 1860 1c.  
 1864 2c.  
 1865 3c.  
 1853 Half 10.  
 1978-S 5c.  
 1979-S 5c.  
 1936-P 25c.  
 1937-P 25c.  
 1966 50c.  
 1928-B \$1 Silver  
 Certificate

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

### ECC Meeting 635

<b>Opened:</b> 7:30	<b>Closed:</b> 9:00
<b>Members:</b> 28	<b>YNs:</b> 1
<b>Guests:</b> 3	<b>50/50:</b> \$1,443.05
<b>Beginning:</b> \$2,909.53	<b>Income:</b> \$417.50
<b>Expenses:</b> \$1,250.41	<b>Current balance:</b> \$2,076.62

### April program

**This month's program will be a  
 Pizza party and a silent auction.  
 Don't forget to bring some show and  
 tells.**

### March minutes

**Eagle called the meeting to order at  
 7:30. The Treasurers and Secretaries  
 reports were read and accepted. Old  
 and new businesses were discussed  
 and show and tells given. The  
 program was a member's auction.  
 The meeting adjourned at 9:00.**

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## Secretary's Report

**The members in attendance accepted the secretary's report as published in the March newsletter.**

## Treasurer's report

Balance: \$2,909.53

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

## Old Business

### Club contest

**Harold, Jim D., Al, Don C., Jim M., Charlene, Dave S., Tim 59,299.09  
Doug 53,554.69  
Mac 51,899.41**

## New Business

**We discussed the possibility of having a club table at the ANA convention. Raffle tickets are distributed. Next years club tokens will feature the club's Latin motto.**

## Prizes

**Winners of the monthly raffle were Char, Char, Vonelle, Al, Jim D., Tim, Al, Al, Char and Bob V.**

**Member: N/A**

**YN: None**

**50/50: Eagle \$33.50**

Submitted by Jim D.

## Board Meeting

On March 9, Eagle, Don C., Doug, Harold, Tim and Jim D. met to discuss club business for the April meeting. There are 11 raffle prizes and 2 members' prizes. This month we chose fewer prizes of better quality.

## Shows

- **April 2** — Lemont Coin Expo, Lithuanian world center, 14911 E. 127th, Lemont, IL
- **April 9** — West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Park Place Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL
- **April 16** – NOISE Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 860 Irving Park Rd (2 blocks E. of IL 53), Itasca, IL.
- **May 1** — D'Atri Auctions, Double Tree Guest Suites, 2111 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL.  
May 1, 2011 Elgin coin club spring coin show. VFW post 1307, 1601 weld rd., Elgin, IL

## Show and tell

Jim D. showed an encased cent made by ILNA.

Bob L. presented info on the upcoming ANA convention.

Al showed some first day covers of stamps and coins.

Don D. brought in some coins in a pouch purchased in Bermuda and a 1796 Half crown of George III, a

Chilean 1877 Peso with an 1894  
Guatemala counter stamp.

Dave S. showed a 1935 double die  
reverse 5c.

Bob V. showed a roman coin and a  
1974 Virgin Islands proof set.

Harold brought in a set of four gold  
plated Hawaiian dollar tokens.

Don C. showed a Florida medal  
obtained on a recent trip.

#### Editorial

Hi yo silver, away. In the last year, one of the hottest investments has not been gold or platinum, but silver. In that time the price rose from about \$16.50 to over \$36.00 as of March 22. The price has gone up so much that the Lone Ranger had to switch to silver plated bullets. At this price war nickels are worth \$2.02, silver dimes are \$2.59, Silver quarters are \$6.48 and silver halves are \$12.96. Just a little more incentive to look through your pocket change. It's no wonder most players in the fantasy bullion contest chose silver.

2011 coins enter circulation. After a long cold winter, some sure signs of spring are the first robin, watching the Cubs and White sox in training as they conspire to disappoint Chicago baseball fans and the first new Lincoln cents. Now the cents are here we can complete the tokens for our spring coin show. Speaking of the show, we distributed all the raffle tickets and will print some more as needed. We

also need volunteers to help set up tables and sit at the front table. Those interested should contact Don C. or Eagle.  
Guilty, Guilty, Guilty. On March 18, 2011, a jury in Statesville, NC found Bernard Von NotHaus guilty on charges of making counterfeit coins with the intent to defraud. The government's contention was the Liberty dollar was too similar to existing coinage. The defense asserted the coins were clearly marked private volunteer barter currency with the coins website and phone number. It will be several months until the final sentence is handed down. In that time, Randy Lee, Attorney for the defense plans to file an appeal. In other coin related court news, the Langbord double eagle trial is set to begin on July 7<sup>th</sup>.



Photo courtesy Wikipedia.

#### Currency of the Month

#### Web Press Notes

This month's currencies of the month are the notes printed on an experimental web fed press in the 1990's. The bureau of Engraving and Printing came up with this method as a way of printing more notes faster and cheaper. Unfortunately, as most government projects go, this one

ended up costing more than it saved and was discontinued. The regular way of printing notes is a three-step process. First the fronts are printed, then the backs and finally the seals and serial numbers. The printing is done one sheet of 32 notes at a time at a speed of 8,000 sheets an hour. The web press was supposed to print notes from a continuous roll of paper very similar to how newspapers are printed. On this press, both sides are printed at the same time at a speed of 10,000 notes in 35 minutes. While good in theory, the actual result was less than optimal. The press has a habit of breaking down often and the results were less than pristine. Production began in 1992 with the 1988A series dollar bills but by 1996, the BEP Concluded the experiment was a failure and ceased production. During this experiment, the BEP printed 309.12 million web notes. The easiest way to spot a web note is the reverse. On regular notes the plate number is below the E in one. On web notes the plate number is above the E in one.

There are many ways of collecting web notes. The most basic way is a note from each series printed. The first series is the 1988A with signatures of Villalpando and Brady. The second series is 1993 and is signed by Withrow and Bentsen and the third series, 1995 is signed by Withrow and Rubin. The next level of collecting is a note from each Federal Reserve Bank in each series. The 1988A series was issued by Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, Atlanta and Chicago. The 1993 series was issued through New York and Philadelphia. Lastly the 1995 series was issued by

Boston, New York, Cleveland and Atlanta. The next level of collecting is by blocks. Blocks are the letters before and after the serial number. For example the 1988A Boston had blocks A-E, A-F and A-G. Other 1988A blocks are New York B-L, Philadelphia C-A, Richmond E-I and E-K, Atlanta F-L, F-M, F-N, F-U, F-V and F-\*, Chicago G-P and G-Q. In 1993 the blocks are New York B-H and Philadelphia C-A. Blocks from 1995 are Boston A-C and A-D, New York B-H, Cleveland D-C and Atlanta F-D. Since the average lifespan of a dollar bill is 18 months, web notes still in circulation are scarce. The most common notes are worth from \$7.50 in very fine to \$20 in uncirculated. Notes from 1988A range from \$10 to \$65 in very fine to \$40 to \$135 uncirculated depending on the block. The two keys are the 1988A New York B-L valued at \$275 in very fine to \$1,250 uncirculated and the only star note, series 1988A Atlanta valued at \$500 in very fine to \$1,250 uncirculated.

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**President** — Eagle McMahon  
**Vice President** — Harold Eckardt

**Treasurer** — Tim Tvrdik  
**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](http://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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