



# Elgin



# Coin Club Newsletter

March 2012

COLLEGIUM NUMISMA

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## March Meeting

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

## Prizes

**Member:** 1946 B. T. Washington  
 50c., 2008-S Bald  
 Eagle 50c.  
**YN:** 2010-D \$1 Lincoln  
**Raffle:** 1918-P 1c.  
 1919-S 1c.  
 1920-P 1c.  
 1925-D 1c. LD  
 1927-P 1c.  
 1928-P 1c.  
 1942-P 1c.  
 2005-S 5c. Buffalo  
 2005-S 5c. Ocean  
 1961-D 25c.  
 1977-S 25c.  
 1941-P 50c.  
 1968-S 50c.  
 1979-S \$1  
 1965 S. M. S.

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

## ECC Meeting 646

<b>Opened:</b> 7:30	<b>Closed:</b> 9:00
<b>Members:</b> 29	<b>YNs:</b> 1
<b>Guests:</b> 1	<b>50/50:</b> \$1,844.05
<b>Beginning:</b> \$3,464.40	<b>Income:</b> \$262.00
<b>Expenses:</b> \$1,982.82	<b>Current balance:</b> \$1,743.58

## March program

This month's program will be a member's coin auction. Also, bring in a list of coins you want to have certified by NGC. We need this info to calculate costs for certification, postage and insurance. Bring the actual coins to the April meeting along with the necessary funds.

## January minutes

**Eagle** called the meeting to order at 7:30. The Treasurers and Secretaries reports were read and accepted. Old and new business was discussed. The program was a presentation on Cameo proof coins by **Chris Bebee**.

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### **Secretary's Report**

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

### **Treasurer's report**

Balance: \$3,464.40

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### **Old Business**

The club's bulk-coin-submission program is limited to club members. **Roger B.** announced the passing of **Ed Milas**.

### **New Business**

None

### **Prizes**

Winners of the monthly raffle were **Tim, Alex, Mike M., Kevin, Harold, Leif, Tim, Vonelle, Luke, Jim C., Dave C. and Leif.**

Member: **Eagle**

**Mac** would have won had he worn his nametag.

YN: **Luke**

50/50: **Vonelle \$24.00**

Submitted by **Jim D.**

### **Board Meeting**

On February 8, **Harold, Tim, Don, Eagle and Jim D.** met to discuss club business for the March meeting. There are 15 raffle prizes and 2 member's prize. This month five prizes are silver coins.

### **Local coin shows**

- **March 4** – New coin show, Park Inn Radisson, 1725 E. Algonquin Rd., Schaumburg, IL
- **March 11** – West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Park Place Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL
- **March 18** – NOISE Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 860 Irving Park Rd (2 blocks E. of IL 53), Itasca, IL.
- **March 25** – D'Atri Auctions, Double Tree Guest Suites, 2111 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL.
- **April 29** – Elgin coin club Spring coin show. VFW post 1307, 1601 weld rd., Elgin, IL

### **Show and tell**

**Jim D** showed a printout of pictures of state quarters with satirical comments.

**Don D.** discussed using monosodium glutamate to clean coins, an 1801 Russia 2 kopeck and an 1878 1 quatrino from Tuscany.

**Harold** brought in an elongated coin and a medal from the 1933 century of progress.

**Dennis** showed a Kentucky obsolete note and three silver dimes found in a parking lot.

**Eagle** showed some self made Hobo nickels.

**Lucky** brought in an engraved seated quarter.

## Editorial

What's going on at ILNA? Last month the clubs e-mail inbox received some messages from members of ILNA. One message from ILNA President **Steve Harrison** claimed financial wrongdoings by **Frank Zapushek** who denied the charges in another message. The matter eventually wound up in court where a judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff **Harrison**. This incident is just the latest turmoil at ILNA. Last summer no one staffed the ILNA booth at the ANA convention. As **Lincoln** said, "A house divided cannot stand." Right now ILNA is a house divided.

**Lincoln** is a rocket man. Last November, NASA launched a rocket headed for Mars. On that rocket is a land rover with a 1909 V.D.B. cent installed in the camera system. The cent is there to assist with focusing and with providing a size frame of reference. This is not the first time coins have made their way into space. In 1961, **Gus Grissom** took two rolls of Winged Liberty dimes on the Liberty Bell 7. The flight was part of the Mercury program, which ties to the dimes commonly called Mercury dimes. At the end of the flight the dimes went down when the capsule sank. Years later both the capsule and most of the dimes were recovered. Another instance of coins in space was the 2000 **Sacagawea** dollars struck in gold and flown on a space shuttle mission. Those coins occasionally go on display at major coin conventions. It will be interesting to see how the coin reacts to the Martian atmosphere as long as **E.T.** doesn't try to put in his collection. **Book Review- Encounters on the road to**

Jerusalem. From January 2009 to December 2010, **Mike Metras** and **Petra Wolf** mostly walked and occasionally rode from California to Jerusalem. This book chronicles their experiences and the people they met along the way. Once again it was interesting following their exploits as I did at the time and reporting them in this newsletter. Even with the best laid plans of this trip, sometimes things went awry. With perseverance and a bit of help from the universe, they finally achieved their goal. To view the first 40 pages of the book for free go to [Pilgrimagecreations.com](http://Pilgrimagecreations.com) and follow the links. I'm sure you will find this book as enjoyable as I did.



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### Medal of the month 1991 Canadian quarter

This month's coin of the month is the 1991 Canadian quarter. Why this particular year? This year the quarter had the lowest mintage of a circulating Canadian quarter since the days of **King George V**. In an era where the quarter is a workhorse coin with mintages in the multi-millions, the 459,000 mintage sticks out like a sore thumb. One of the reasons for the low mintage is there was a workers strike at the Royal Canadian mint. For reasons known only to the Canadian mint, the cent, nickel and dime

production was unaffected and each of these coins had a normal mintage in the millions. What is odd is the half dollar had a lower mintage than the quarter that year. I believe since the half was not a widely circulating coin struck only for collectors it's rarity is less apparent. The obverse of the coin features the third effigy of **Queen Elizabeth**. I believe this image created by **Dora de Pedery-Hunt** of the four effigies so far. The head is too small in relation to the neck. Both the previous and subsequent effigies are more attractive. Around the portrait is **Elizabeth II** and **D G Regina**. The Reverse shows an image of a caribou created by **Emanuel Hahn** and used since the 1930's. Circling the image is Canada and the date. Placed between the antlers is the denomination, 25 cents. The coin is 23.88 mm and weighs 5.05 grams of pure nickel. Despite it's low mintage the coin is easily affordable to any collector. Current values for an uncirculated specimen range from \$10 in MS60 to \$65 in MS65.



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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:

- \$15 full member
- \$5 junior member (YNs) under 18
- \$20 family membership (all adults and children in the family)

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## 2012 coin show dates

**April 29**

**October 28**