



# Elgin



# Coin Club Newsletter

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## August Meeting

**Meeting:** 7:00pm August 5  
**Trading:** 6:30–7:00pm  
**Location:** Moose Lodge 799  
925 S. McLean Blvd.  
Elgin, IL

### Prizes

**Member:** 1920-P 25c G/VG  
**YN:** Magnifying Glass and an assortment of coins

**Raffle:** 8 assorted wheat cents, 1978-S 1c., 1943-S 5c unc., 1978-S 5c., 1079-S 10c., 1978-S 25c., 1967 50c., 1976-S 50c. Clad, 1976-S 50c Silver unc., 1978-S 50c., 1978-S \$1  
Medals  
(2) 1968 Illinois Sesquicentennial,  
Pontiac Cars, B. Ward Beams  
Books  
2015 Red Book, Westward Journey  
Nickels with 2 coins, Statehood 25c album  
Bank Notes  
1912 China, Netherlands 10 Gulden

### Not a member?

**Come anyway and join the fun!**

Give your spouse a break and bring your children to the club.

## ECC Meeting 685

<b>Opened:</b> 7:00	<b>Closed:</b> 9:00
<b>Members:</b> 16	<b>YNs:</b> 3
<b>Guests:</b> 4	
<b>Beginning:</b> \$3,001.63	<b>Income:</b> \$80.00
<b>Expenses:</b> \$643.50	<b>Cur. Balance:</b> \$2,548.13

## August program

This month's program will be an extended show and tell session. Bring in some coins you are proud of or tell about one of your other hobbies. Also, bring in something for the silent auction.

## July minutes

**Dave** called the meeting to order at 7:00. The Treasurers and Secretaries reports were read and accepted. Old and new business was discussed. Show and tells were presented. Raffle prizes were then drawn and the YN and 50/50 prizes were selected. The program was a discussion of various error coins and currency. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

7/30/15

## Secretary's Report

The members in attendance accepted the Secretary's report as published in the July newsletter.

## Treasurer's report

Balance: \$3,001.63

The Treasurer was absent so there was no Report. A detailed breakdown of the club income and expenses is available at the meeting.

## Old Business

There was some discussion of the possibility of issuing a special medal for the clubs 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. **Dave** showed some examples and prices for possible choices.

## New Business

**Carol M.** is donating **Al M's** coin books to the club. **Roger** mentioned that the CSNS Centinel reprinted an editorial from this newsletter concerning counterfeit Elgin half dollars.

## Prizes

Winners of the monthly raffle were **Jose (2), Guy (2), John, David (2), Jim D., Pete (2) and Robert.**

Member: **Vonelle**

YN: **Jose, David, Ryan**

50/50: **Pete \$15.00**

Submitted by **Jim D.**

## Spot metal Prices 7-29-2015

**Gold \$1,097.00**

**Silver \$14.86**

**Platinum \$985.00**

## Board Meeting

On July 15, **Harold, Tim, Don, Doug and Jim** met to discuss club business for the August meeting. There are 20 raffle prizes and 1 member's prizes. This month 2 raffle prizes are silver. With all these good prizes the more tickets you buy the better your chances to win.

## Local coin shows

- **August 2 – First Sunday coin show**, Holiday Inn Express, 1550 Dundee rd. Palatine, IL
- **August 9— West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo**, Park Place Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL
- **August 11-15—ANA Worlds Fair of Money**, Donald Stephens Center, Rosemont, IL
- **August 16 – NOISE Coin Show**, Holiday Inn, 860 Irving Park Rd (2 blocks E. of IL 53), Itasca, IL.
- **August 30 — D'Atri Auctions**, Double Tree Guest Suites, 2111 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL.
- **October 25, 2015--- Elgin coin club Fall coin show**. Moose lodge 799, 925 S. Mclean Blvd, Elgin, IL 60123

## Show and Tell

**Jim D.** showed some circulation finds, a 1905 cent, a 1917-P nickel two feather variety, a 2013-S White Mountain quarter and a 1983 British 20 pence.

**Jeanette** brought in a dollar bill with a fold over printing error.

**Mac** showed a Washington state centennial medal in a state shaped holder.

**Mike M.** brought in a 1942 quarter found in circulation.

**Don D.** showed a silver medal of **San Martin** from the Sociedad Numismatica de Peru, a 1921 Centenary of Peru medal featuring the **San Martin** monument in Lima and a silver 1950 medal from the Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires. He also showed several error coins, Namur 1499 double mite, Zierikzee 1585 3 stuiver double struck, Prezlau 1622 pfennig double clip, Riga 1649 solidus counterfeit and a Mainz 1793 1 sol curved clip.

## Editorial

**2015 ANA Convention.** Starting August 11 and ending August 15, the ANA will hold its 124<sup>th</sup> annual convention at the Stephens Center in Rosemont, Il. This will be the last convention in the area until 2019 when it will return to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chicago Coin Club. While it is here, we should partake of the fabulous activities the ANA has to offer. First, there are the hundreds of dealers offering almost any coin or currency you may desire. There are also dozens of interesting exhibits to entertain and educate. Every day there will be several seminars on a wide variety of subjects including one given by **Jim D.** at 4pm on August 11. Many foreign mints will have booths there as part of the world coin passport program. And lastly there won't be a stampede for new gold coins like there was last year. Admission is free for ANA members and \$6 per day for non-members. For more information go to Money.org

**Get ready, get set, oops sold out.** A few weeks ago, the mint released the **Truman** chronicles set. The set consists of a reverse proof Presidential dollar, a silver Presidential medal, a stamp and a booklet. The price was \$57.95. In less time than it took to sell out Blackhawks rally tickets (15 mins.) this set sold out. Since then the sets have appeared on EBay and are selling in the \$160-220 range. The main attraction of the set is the reverse proof dollar. Recently the mint has been putting out more and more of these questionable issues in order to drive sales. Speculators love them because they can flip them for a quick profit. True collectors suffer because they have to buy these issues on the secondary market and have to buy new albums to hold these additional varieties.

**Stars and Barred.** After the recent controversy in South Carolina, EBay has restricted the sales of items featuring the Confederate flag. Well, not all items. There are some exceptions. Some of these items include coins, stamps and currency. Examples are the Gettysburg half, Confederate currency and US Stamps featuring State flags using the Confederate flag as part of the design. While I do not condone the confederate flag and the history it represents, prohibiting the sales of the flag will not make the problem go away. What is needed is better education of what the flag represents.



## Coin of the month A box of Lincoln cents

This month's coin of the month is the results of a roll search through a \$25 box of **Lincoln** cents. Last May, **Don C.** purchased a box of cents from **Tim T.** in hopes of getting a fresh box of 2015 cents. When he opened the box, he found they were in fact older cents. So at the end of the June meeting **Don** gave me the box and challenged me to search through each roll and report my findings. This kind of challenge appealed to me and I accepted. To paraphrase **Forrest Gump**, "Roll searching is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get."

In order to better track my findings I got some graph paper and listed each date-mintmark combination since 1959. I also listed most of the major varieties such as the large and small dates of 1960, 1970 and 1982. Other varieties I kept an eye out for were the various double dies and wide and narrow AM varieties. I was also on the lookout for errors such as die cracks, filled dies and repunched mintmarks. As I opened each roll I placed a hash mark by each date and kept a running total.

Searching through two rolls a day for 25 days, here is what I found.

Wheat cents – 13 (1919-S, 1939-P, 1945-P, 1946-P, 1950-S, 1951-D, 1953-D, 1954-D, 1956-D (2), 1957-P, 1957-D (2))

Lincoln Memorial Copper – 606

Lincoln Memorial Zinc – 1409

Lincoln Shield – 450

Canadian – 6 (1971, 1978 (2), 1980, 1981, 1998)

Too damaged to identify – 14

Philadelphia Copper – 193  
 Denver Copper – 418  
 San Francisco Copper – 7  
 Philadelphia Lincoln Memorial Zinc – 770  
 Philadelphia Lincoln Shield – 171  
 Denver Lincoln Memorial Zinc – 1240  
 Denver Lincoln Shield – 279  
 Lincoln Memorial cents not found 1969-P, 1970-S  
 LD, 1970-S SD, 1972-S and 1973-S.  
 Date most found 2014-D – 126  
 Oldest coin found 1919-S  
 Unfortunately, I did not find any significant error or  
 rare dates. Many coins, especially the zinc coins  
 were corroded or damaged in one way or another.



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**ANA convention, Rosemont, IL  
 August 11-15, 2015**

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**Regular Meeting:** First Wednesday 7:00pm  
 Moose Lodge 799  
 925 S. Mclean  
 Elgin, IL

### Visitors are always welcome

**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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