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Coin Club Newsletter

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March Meeting

Meeting: 7:00pm March 2
Trading: 6:30–7:00pm
Location: VFW 1307
1601 Weld RD
Elgin, IL

Prizes

Members: 1883 10 c. VG Book value \$15.00
YN: 2016 Shawnee 25 c. First day issue

Raffle: 1995-S 1 c.
1867 5 c.
1868 5 c.
1945-P 10 c. BU
1995-S 10 c.
1995-S 25 c. Clad
2005-S 25 c. KS Clad
Roll 2016 Shawnee 25 c. with Stamp
1964 Proof Set Book Value \$25.00
1901 5 C. Canada
5 assorted tokens (2 Lots)
Canada \$1 bill
Canada \$2 bill

Not a member?

Come anyway and join the fun!

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

ECC Meeting 692

Opened: 7:00	Closed: 9:00
Members: 21	YNs: 2
Guests: 3	
Beginning: \$3,012.56	Income: \$244.00
Expenses: \$1,620.00	Cur. Balance: \$1,636.56

March program

This month's program will be a members' coin auction. For more info see the editorial on page 3. There will also be the usual show and tells. Please note our new meeting location.

February minutes

Pete called the meeting to order at 7:00. The Treasurers and Secretaries reports were read and accepted. Old and new businesses were discussed. Show and tells were presented. Raffle prizes were then drawn and the YN and 50/50 prizes were selected. The program was a talk on cherry picking coins. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

2/25/16

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's report

Balance: \$3,012.56

The members present approved the Treasurers report as published in the February newsletter. A detailed breakdown of the club income and expenses is available at the meeting.

Old Business

We still have free ANA memberships for those who never were members.

New Business

The club wishes a speedy recovery to Guy. Working on updating club bylaws. The VFW has free Wi-Fi. We will participate in National Coin Week at the Portage Library in Chicago.

Prizes

Winners of the monthly raffle were **Jim M., Vonelle (2), Nick, Arthur (2), Patricia (5), Kevin and Howard.**

Member: **Gavin**

YN: **Zachary and Nick**

50/50: **Pete \$16.00**

Submitted by **Jim D.**

Spot metal Prices 2-24-2016

Gold \$1,250.70

Silver \$15.51

Platinum \$947.20

The Elgin Coin Club needs YOU!

Please consider volunteering for Vice President.

2016 Dues are Due now

Board Meeting

On February 16, **Harold, Tim, Pete, Don, Dave and Jim** met to discuss club business for the March meeting. There are 14 raffle prizes and one member's prizes. This month three raffle prizes are silver. With all these good prizes, the more tickets you buy the better your chances to win.

Local coin shows

- **March 6—First Sunday coin show**, Holiday Inn Express, 1550 Dundee rd. Palatine, IL
- **March 13—West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo**, Park Place Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL
- **March 20—NOISE Coin Show**, Holiday Inn, 860 Irving Park Rd (2 blocks E. of IL 53), Itasca, IL.
- **April 10—D'Atri Auctions**, Double Tree Guest Suites, 2111 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL.
- **February 28—Will County Coin Show**, Holiday Inn, Interstate 80 at Larkin Ave.
- **October 30, 2016---Elgin coin club** Fall coin show. VFW 1307, 1601 Weld Rd., Elgin IL

Show and Tell

Jim D. announced he is talking to the producers of Through the decades, a TV show where he will discuss Kennedy Half Dollars.

Pete passed around a letter from the Hillside Coin Club.

Don brought in Mexican Sayula 1814 Quartilla, Villa De Colina 1814 Tollin, Ameca 1833 1/8 real. Also San Martin medals 94th anniv. De Mayo. 25 De Mayo 1904, La Sociedad medal La Medalla a cos con gresales de tucran 1816. In addition, the new book he wrote on San Martin Medals.

Mac showed 1 1945 105mm artillery shell with coins attached.

Roger brought in an auction catalog from the first Elgin Coin Club coin show in 1962 and an ANA convention medal from 1866.

Steve showed a 1998 cent struck on a 1997 cent.

Mike M. said he is still looking for Hawaii coins, medals and over print bills.

Harold talked about Mardi Gras doubloons.

Editorial

PCGS coinfacts. Last January 12, PCGS observing it's 30th anniversary, announced their coinfacts service is now free. Prior to this, subscribers paid as much as \$149.00 per year for this information. The site features over 30,000 coins illustrated by almost 300,000 images. Also included is the PCGS price guide giving values for coins in grades ranging from AG3 to MS70. Prices for proof coins are segregated by brilliant, cameo and deep cameo. For those with smart phones, this service is available for both android and Apple iOS. For those who research coins as I do, this is a great resource.

Roll search videos. While watching the video on the cleaned 1850 double eagle, I noticed listings for roll search videos. The videos are of average collectors going to a bank and buying boxes of coins to look through. Most of the videos feature half dollars, but all denominations are shown. Most of the rolls are machine wrapped implying the rolls are unsearched. The collector then carefully unwraps the roll and checks the edges for silver content. Often in these videos there is a gap where ordinary rolls are not shown and only rolls with interesting coins are seen. In the half dollar videos the majority of silver coins are 40% Kennedys although sometimes 90% silver coins are found including Franklins and Walkers. Sometimes the videos show homemade rolls from bank customers cashing in their coins. One such video featuring nickels showed a solid roll of buffalos. Perhaps sometime soon I'll get a box and do my own search.

Our member coin auction. This month is one of our member coin auctions. For our new members, here is a breakdown of the rules of

the sale. Every member is permitted to place lots up for sale. We ask you to list your lots on a piece of paper along with your name, minimum bid and a brief description. The lots are then placed on the table to be viewed. The members then place a chip on each lot they wish to bid on. Only lots with chips will be offered. This helps move the auction along quickly. When the bidding is done, the buyers pay for their lots. After the money is collected, the sellers are paid. Bring in plenty of cash, as there may be many interesting lots for sale.



Coins of the month

ATB QUARTER LAUNCH

By Tim Tvrdik

On February 4, 2016 Shawnee National Forest, Harrisburg, IL hosted the launch and coin exchange of the first quarter launched this year which was also the 31st quarter to be launched by the America The Beautiful Program.

Tim and Dee Tvrdik decided to make the 250-mile trip the night before to be present at this momentous occasion. With the program beginning at 10:00 am, we arrived a little after 9 am as to have enough time to find what part of the campus of Southeastern Illinois College the festivities were being held. Soon after arriving and finding seats in the bleachers to the right of the stage, pictures were taken of the various presenters who were speaking that day. Tim was able to have a very informative conversation with Ray Baldrige, the Shawnee Nation Treasurer. Mr. Baldrige felt that this

was a very high honor for the Shawnee Tribes who had been much oppressed in years past. The new quarter shows an image of Camel Rock which is a beautiful rock formation part of the Garden of the Gods in the Shawnee National Forest.

The patriotism of the attendees was strongly felt in the gym that day. About 1300 people attended. These included the Boy Scouts, students from nearby schools and many other coin collectors. What added to the celebratory atmosphere was the wonderful patriotic music played by the Harrington High School and Vocal Team. In all we felt this was a wonderful way to introduce children to the history and beauty of southern Illinois.

The program began with the Presentation of colors by Cub Scout pack #7017 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by a fifth grade class. Finally, a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by the Harrisburg High School choral Ensemble brought tears to our eyes.

The next part of the program included speeches from Thomas Tidwell the U.S. Forest Service Chief, Representatives of Congressmen John Shimkus and Mike Bost, Second Chief Ben Barnes from the Shawnee Tribe, and George Blanchard, Representative of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. The final speaker was Todd Carr a local historian.

Allen Nicholas- Forest Supervisor of the Shawnee National Forest and Dean Bidle the Program Manager of the Numismatic Packing Planning of the United State Mint explained the creation of the beautiful new quarter. Afterwards all on stage participated in the traditional coin pouring. All children then received a quarter to keep as a memento of this day.

The coin exchange began immediately after the ceremony and we were able to go through the line, which circled the gymnasium, three times. After the coin exchange, we went to the Harrisburg Post Office to have our rolls stamped and cancelled.

Every time we will see this new quarter, we will remember not only the ambience of rural America but also the beauty of this part of our state. In all we were very excited to be part of this historical day.



Your business card can also appear here for just \$10 per annum.

ANA member? Give Harold your number to save the club on annual dues.

Elgin Coin Club's Monthly quiz question

From 1943 to 1945 Canadian nickels featured a message in Morse code. What is the message?

Answer will be given at the meeting.

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Regular Meeting: First Wednesday 7:00pm
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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. 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:

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

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NAME _____

Elgin Coin Club Quiz
March 2nd, 2016

The coinage Law of 1857 brought important benefits to the citizens. The half cent was abandoned and a small cent was introduced in 1857

-----There were several reasons for this change in coinage-----

The Question is.....

Name at least one reason that you may think was important regarding this change?

2) Why was the Twenty cent coin of 1875 thru 1876 unpopular with the public? If it was so unpopular then what do you think the reason for it's very existence?

Fast forward to 1999.....

The United States started the 50 State coinage program- Later the US territories and then in 2010 The America Beautiful State Quarter Program.

The questions are.....

How did this benefit the government?
How did it benefit both citizens and coin collectors?

****THERE ARE NO
INCORECT ANSWERS FOR THIS
MONTHS QUIZ****

Club Participation: Please give us a coin question that we can use at a later date.
Thanks!

Will it ever end?