



June Meeting

Meeting: 7:30pm Wednesday, June 1
Trading: 7:00-7:30pm
Location: VFW Post 1307
 1601 Weld Road
 Elgin, IL 888-9809

Prizes

Regular Member: 1896 Morgan 1\$ BU
Junior Member: 1900-O Morgan 1\$ BU
Raffle Prizes: 1826 Bust Half
 1944 Winged Lib. Dime BU
 1921 Indian 5¢ VF
 and more...
Door Prizes: Come and see what else...

**Bring a new member or guest!
 Not a member? Come anyway!**

June Meeting

This month we will view an American Numismatic Association (ANA) video on coin collecting. And if there is some time left we may have some storytelling. Come prepared to tell some interesting thing that happened to you in your coin collecting life. We all tell these kind of things to each other now and again. You'll just be telling them to a few more this time. Think about it. I think you will like it; if not this meeting maybe another.

If you bring items to be sold at the regular auction, we'll have an auction, too.

See you at the meeting. Bring something for Collector's Corner to show your friends.

In March the Denver mint made more than 1 billion coins, almost 3/4 of them cents. On the 31st they made 51.4 million coins (595 coins per second!). Both are records for the mint. Philadelphia and Denver together made 1.9 billion coins, with cents making up 1.5 billion of those. -Coin World, 5/16, pp 1f.



Clue One: French Bronze
Clue Two: Longacre
Clue Three: Hub number 3

See the April Newsletter for the mystery coin contest rules. The prize for guessing the mystery coin will be an 1896 Silver Dollar.

May Minutes

ECC Meeting 437 — May 6, 1994

Opened: 7:50pm	Closed: 8:50pm
Members: 16	YNs: 8
Guests: 4	
Club account: \$1,753.27	Cash: \$26.95
Raffle income: \$62	White Elephant: \$70.75

President Doug Nelson called the 437th meeting of the Elgin Coin Club to order at 7:50pm at VFW Post 1308.

Secretary's Report

There were no changes to the minutes as published in the May Newsletter except in the listing of the April prize listings: Joe, instead of Mike, Cerny won the Super raffle; Chuck Cerny won two Raffle prizes; and Joe Cerny won only one raffle prize.

Treasurer's Report

Don gave his treasurer's report indicating the balances listed in the box. The report was accepted without amendments or comment.

Old Business

Under old business Doug said he had not had a chance to get out and pick up the club's old display cases from the barn yet.

No other old or new business activity was reported.

Show Committee

Harold reported that there will be no auction in connection with our October Coin Show. Sunny Henry, the auctioneer, has another auction just a couple weeks before and cannot fit our auction in due the amount of preparation that goes into those things.

This frees up the extra room for other uses if we choose to rent and use it. We have not paid for the room yet but we do have an option on getting it. The one possible use suggested was for displays by members. Currently, without the extra room, we have space for some display cases in the browse room. Think whether you'd like to put on a display and let one of the officers know during the next meeting. If the interest and effort is there, we will get the extra room and display your items there. Otherwise we'll keep just the one room. Think seriously about displaying something and let us know what it will be and how many display cases space it will require.

Collector's Corner

No one brought anything to Collector's Corner this month. I had some semi-Collector's Corner items, but they really were the illustrations for last month's Newsletter on the CICF coins. I forgot the 500,000,000,000 dinar note, though. I'll remember it next month.

May Prizes

Regular membership prize: Joseph Prosser

Junior membership prize: Chuck Cerny

Door prize winners: Al Maday, Jim Donovan, Vincent Zaccardi, Mike Cerny

Raffle Winners: Joseph Prosser, Rich Eckblade, Marty Krashoc, Chuck Cerny

Elgin Coin Club

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President – Doug Nelson

Treasurer – Don Cerny

Vice President – Harold Hunt

Secretary – Mike Metras

Regular Meeting: First Wednesday 7:30pm
VFW Post 1307 708-888-9809
1601 Weld Road
Elgin, IL

Board Meeting: Third Wednesday 7:00pm
Gas Light Collectibles 708-695-7030
395 East State
South Elgin, IL

Visitors are always welcome!

Club Dues: Membership dues in the Elgin Coin Club, payable before the end of February each year, are:

- \$15 for the first adult and \$7.50 for each adult after the first
- \$5 for junior members (YNs) under 18.

Club Auctions: The Club gets 5% of the sale ("hammer") price of all items sold at club auctions unless other rules are explicitly stated before the auction.

Newsletter editor: Mike Metras

Submit all items for publication to Mike or any other officer at any club meeting or send them to the above address.

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New Member

One new junior member joined the club. Welcome, Oscar. We hope you have as much fun as we do.

We broke and sold raffle tickets. When we reassembled, we had the raffle, membership, and door prize, drawings. The lucky winners are listed in the accompanying box. Every ticket drawn had the name of someone at the meeting—that has to be some kind of record.

White Elephant Sale

The White Elephant sale was lively and brought the club almost 71 dollars. Thanks to everyone who brought in items we were willing to spar over and spend a few dimes more than our neighbor for the pleasure of the purchase.

The meeting and auction was over at 8:50.

Presented by Mike Metras, Secretary.

Futurøz

We have learned that Dick DeRobertis has volunteered to tell us about and show slides on world paper money during our October meeting. And I will present a slide show on “Axum (Ancient Ethiopia) and Its Coins” during the July meeting.

Bits

The Kennedy half dollar is 30 years old this year—and it is our youngest.

If you haven't seen it yet, your new Illinois driver's license sports a hologram of the Lincoln cent to foil counterfeiters.

The 1942/41 mercury dime is really a 1942/1941 hubbing overdate.

- *Coins*, March, 1994, p. 56

One million Morgan dollars weigh 71,643 troy pounds or 58,930 avoirdupois pounds!

-*Numismatic News*, 2/1/94, p. 61

While on the subject of weights, the “Coin Clinic” in the *Numismatic News* tells us the following about coin weights. It takes the following number of current coins to make one avoirdupois pounds:

- Cents — 181.4
- Five cents — 90.5
- Ten cents — 200
- 25 cents — 80
- 50 cents — 40
- Silver dollar — 17
- Anthony dollar — 56

I didn't check his numbers. Let me know if there is a mistake and I'll publish the correct numbers.

- *Numismatic News*, 5/24/94, p. 22

Books, etc.

Gerald S. Porter. *Elephants: In Numismatics and Exonumia From Ancient to Modern Times*. 242pp. 1993. Available from author 1958 Pittview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212 for \$20.

This has over 2,100 different types with hundreds of illustrations of elephants on coins along with information about the coins, which range from ancient Rome to the present. According to Dennis Gill, “Gerald Porter has compiled a wonderfully comprehensive volume.... This book is a real treat.” I ordered the book and also find it a fun book on a marvelously off the wall subject.

-Reviewed by Dennis Gill in *World Coin News*, 3/14/93, p.30

Quickfinder for Attributing Rare Half Cent Die Varieties: 1794-1809. This is said to be a guide that re-examines the key features of die varieties and arranges them in an “easy outline system.” If this interests you, you can order one for \$4.95 and a stamped letter-size envelope from Greg Heim, P.O. Box 4595, Warren, NJ 09059.

- *Numismatic News*, 5/24/94

Coin of the Month Indian Head—Buffalo Nickel

James Fraser designed the nickel known variously as the Buffalo, Indian Head, or Bison Nickel that was issued between 1913 and 1938. The buffalo was modeled after Black Diamond, a buffalo, in the New York Zoological Garden.

Fraser indicated that the indian on the front is only a representative profile, no specific indian. Nonetheless tradition says it is a composite of three different indians, Two Moons (a Cheyenne), Adoette, Big Tree (a Kiowa), and Iron Trail (an Ogalala Sioux). The indian wears two or three feathers pointed downward, the symbol of the peaceful warrior.

The buffalo nickel has two major types in 1913. In Type 1 the buffalo stands on a raised mound. Later in the year Type 2 came out with the buffalo standing on almost a straight line, the way it remained until the end of the series in 1938.

Two major varieties have long been recognized in this series: the 1918 over 17-D overdate and the 1937-D three-legged buffalo. Many other minor varieties exist.

Mint Asks for Our Help

In a March 25th press release, the executive deputy director of the mint Philip Diehl announced that the Citizens' Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee is conducting an “outreach program” looking for public suggestions for the 1995-1999 commemorative coin program. Anyone nationwide can submit proposals. The following is taken directly from their press release:

The submission criteria are:

- 100 words or less
- Commemorate notable persons, events, buildings, institutions, etc.
- Appropriate for commemoration between 1995 and 1999
- Have national or international appeal (regional and local themes discouraged)
- Be interesting and educational
- If historical themes that commemorate important anniversaries, date back at least 50 years

Submission format:

- Identify category: person, event, building/monument, institution/organization, or other
- State Subject (theme)
- Identify year to be commemorated: 1995-1999
- Describe significance of theme and why it should be commemorated
- Include name and address and age bracket: under 20, 20-40, over 40.
- Date response: Must be postmarked no later than June 20, 1994
- Mail to: Commemorative Coin Themes, P.O.Box 350, Conshohocken, PA 19428
- Or FAX to: 610-832-0898

The press release includes a nice form. I'll have copies of it at the June meeting. But I suspect any format will do as long as it meets the criteria above. Think about it. Tell them what you think. Maybe it will not make any difference—but then, *maybe it will*.

My biggie is circulating commemoratives changed every so often. Get coins back to being the propaganda (in a good sense) pieces they can so well be to tell everyone about the important (and fun) things of our country. I really liked the 1992 circulating Canadian quarters commemorating their provinces. What if we were to have circulating commemoratives and some (even many) were taken out of circulation cutting back on the total out there? The mint would make all the more seigniorage—a full 25¢ instead of 20¢ for a quarter.

...How about a series on national parks—one new quarter every three to six months until every state has its quarter commemorating some park. Let everyone, even the non-collector, enjoy what commemorative coins should be all about—celebrating our national heritage together. I guarantee, we all would learn about several national parks we didn't know about—and we would all be better off for the experience.

Shows—Shows—Shows

Specific Dates

- June 11-12—Dixon Coin Club Sports Card, Coin, & Stamp Show, Northland Mall, 2900 Lincoln Highway, Dixon.
- July 1-1—Mid-America Coin Convention, Mecca Convention Center, 500 W. Kilborn St at 4th, Milwaukee, WI.

Monthly

- First Sunday—Elmhurst KC, York Road, Elmhurst.
- Third Sunday—N.O.I.S.E., 400 E. Ogden, Westmont.
- Fourth Sunday—Collectables, etc. Show, St. Andrew's Golf Course, 3N441 Hwy 59, West Chicago.
- Forth Sunday—Stamp and Coin Browse, Holiday Inn, I80-94 & Torrence Av., Lansing.

- Forth Sunday—Woodfield Stamp and Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Rts 62 & 53, Rolling Meadows, IL.

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Survey

You have just read the sixth edition of new format *Elgin Coin Club Newsletter*. How did you like it? How have you liked the change? I'd like some feedback to know where to go from here. Please take a little time to fill out the following questionnaire and then fold it and mail it back to me at the club, or just bring it to the next meeting. This is the only way I get a good feel for what you want to see here.

Do you like the new format? _____ What would you like to see changed?

Added?

Removed?

What do you think about "Bits"?

Change it?

Remove it?

What do you think about "Books, etc..."?

Change it?

Remove it?

What do you think about "Coin of the Month"?

Change it?

Remove it?

Can you (will you) write something for the Newsletter?

When (specifically)?

Name (Optional but helpful):