



December Meeting

Meeting: 7:30pm Wed., December 7
Trading: 7:00-7:30pm
Location: VFW Post 1307
1601 Weld Road
Elgin, IL 888-9809

Prizes



Come and see! Bring a new member or guest!
Not a member? Come anyway for a fun evening!



Clue one: Engraver Barber
Clue two: Seated in her glory
Clue three: Commercial Dollars
Clue four: 27.22 grams

The prize for winning this new Mystery Coin Contest is a Bicentennial proof medal. See the April Newsletter for the mystery coin contest rules.

December Meeting

The December meeting starts with our holiday dinner at 7pm. If you are used to getting there a bit later, try to make it by 7. Hank of the VFW will have a meal of ham and beef, potatoes, vegetables, and the trimmings. The cost is \$5.50 per person. If you haven't paid by the meeting time, please pay then so we can pay the VFW.

The meeting itself will begin after the meal around 7:30. This is an important meeting with elections and voting on some new procedures to be adopted by the club.

During the meeting we will elect our president and secretary for the new year. In accordance with the changes we made last year, the officers now serve two-year, staggered terms. Vice president and treasurer will be selected next year. During the November meeting we nominated Doug Nelson for president again and Mike Metras for secretary again. But you still have time to think seriously about serving or who you want to serve you in these offices. We will accept any other nominations you have during the December meeting. Your officers have a lot to do with the direction your club goes. Choose a leader, someone you can work with and someone who can work with you.

In addition to president and secretary there are two openings for board members. Board members take part in the monthly board meeting with the officers to establish the direction the club goes. Though you all can vote on and make proposals during the regular meeting, most of the work and proposals get a start in the board meetings. If you want that additional say or have someone you would like in that spot, nominate that person or yourself and be voted in during

this meeting. We currently have *no* board members other than the officers.

After electing officers, we have some other items to discuss and vote on. During the board meeting the officers decided to adopt the following changes if you as members vote to accept them. We think all will help the club function better and make your meetings more enjoyable. The items you vote in will go into effect with the January meeting.

The proposal to be voted on is in italics; any supporting information follows in standard text.

- *The secretary will send a copy of the January Newsletter along with a cover letter to past and presently inactive members of ECC.* This is an effort bring some of our former members back. The letter will include a list of some of the new things we are doing with the club. I will take the names and addresses from address lists the club has of past members. If you have any names of prospective members, I will add them to the group. The only cost is the cost of the postage.
- *Visitors will fill out a registration form with name, address, and areas of interest. During the meeting the secretary will introduce the visitors and read their names and interests.* This will allow us to recognize visitors and to follow up by sending them a couple months of the Newsletter. It also gives some place to start if we get a crackpot.
- *The club will give a prize at the end of the year to the person who contributes the best to Collectors Corner over the year. To determine who did the best, you will vote (on a 1-to-10 scale) on how well each presentation was given based on how you felt about it, how much you learned, how appropriate was it, how much you like it, and whatever else you determine. At the end of the year the totals of your own votes will determine the winner. The secretary (along with any volunteer help) will administer the paperwork of this project.*
- *The Club dues will be reduced to the following:*
 - *Full member: \$10*
 - *Junior (under 18) member without parent: \$5*
 - *Family (adults and children): \$15.*

The officers feel that reductions in costs allow us to consider this reduction of dues.

One other item, this one not related to the club's functioning: Would you like me to include a list of monthly birthdays (just date, not year) in the Newsletter? I could also include the year you joined the club. If you want this, please give me your birthday and the year you joined the club.

Super Raffle Tickets

During the December meeting, we will have the initial selling of tickets for the April Super Raffle. This raffle will be for a yet-to-be bought \$5 gold piece and CC silver dollar. Tickets will be \$1 each.

Dues Reminder

It's time to think of your 1995 club dues. You can pay them (the new lower ones if you accept them) during the December meeting. They are due before the end of March.

November Minutes

President Doug Nelson called the 443rd meeting of the Elgin Coin Club to order at 7:50pm at VFW Post 1308.

ECC Meeting 443 — November 2, 1994

Opened:	7:50pm	Closed:	9:00pm
Members:	14	YNs:	6
Guests:	4		
Club account:	\$747.11	Cash:	\$271
Raffle income:	n/a	For deposit:	\$689

Secretary's Report

The November minutes were accepted as published in the November Newsletter.

Elgin Coin Club

A.N.A. 29457

P.O. Box 561
South Elgin, IL 60177

I.N.A. 1299

President – Doug Nelson
Vice President – Harold Hunt

Treasurer – Don Cerny
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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You can get back copies of the Elgin Coin Club newsletter either from the secretary at the meeting or with a letter to the club post office box.

However it was pointed out that I had forgotten to list two winners of coin show raffle prizes. These additional winners were:

- 1981 proof set – Marty Krashoc's son
- 1981 proof set – Mark Black

Treasurer's Report

Don Cerny reported the balances indicated in the box.

Old Business

Harold reported that the December dinner was on and that Hank of the VFW would be making a meal like the one we had last year.

On a motion from Harold the club agreed to have the annual coin show again next year on the last Sunday of October. The early OK allows us to reserve the room early on for next year.

New Business

Gloria Rovelsted reported that there was a history of Elgin display at the old Spees building on the following Saturday, 5 November.

Gloria also reported that the Elgin Community College would be having some historical display in March or April and that both would include items relevant to the Elgin commemorative half.

Nominations

Nominations were made for president and for secretary. Both will be serving for two years starting in January. The following were nominated and accepted:

- President – Doug Nelson
- Secretary – Mike Metras

Dave Was Back

Among our visitors was an familiar face, David Jones, our secretary of six years returned after 10 months absence. It was good to see you again, Dace.

YN Auction

Spirited bidding (once they got the hang of it) marked the auction put on for the junior members (YNs). The club gave each of the 6 YNs present \$30 in play money to buy any of the several american and foreign coins donated by other members and club benefactors. In the beginning it seemed the young bidders didn't realize what they had to spend. But that didn't last long. By the end they were pooling their remaining monies as two squared off for the final prize.

Thanks to the following for your donations to making this a fun thing for the YNs and the rest of us (if we missed anyone, let us know):

- Frank Scgkapinski
- Gloria Rovelstead
- Harold Hunt
- Harry Westlake
- Jerry Ransom
- Joe Cerny
- Marty Krashoc
- Mike Metras
- World Coin Company

White Elephant Auction

After the YN auction, the rest of us got in on the act for a White Elephant sale of many items – including a ceramic white elephant! Your bids on the donated items brought the club \$85.75 and most everyone went home with an item two new. We didn't keep track of all who donated to this event. But we want to thank you much for making it a success.

Membership drawings resulted in the winners and losers listed in the accompanying box. We adjourned around 9.

Presented by Mike Metras, Secretary.

November Board Meeting

November's busy board meeting was held at the Gaslight Coin Shop in South Elgin at 7:15pm November 16. Those present were President Doug Nelson, Vice-president Harold Hunt, Treasurer Don Cerny, and Secretary Mike Metras.

This month:

- We confirmed that next year's club show would be on the last Sunday of October. On the fifth Sunday it will better avoid competition with other shows.
- We finalized the December dinner.
- We introduced, debated, discussed, and finalized the various change proposals listed earlier in this Newsletter. I will bring mock-ups of the proposed forms to the December meeting for you to see.
- We decided to have a Super Raffle in April. That gives us three months in addition to December to buy tickets for the yet-to-be-bought \$5 gold and CC dollar. A suggestion to have it in March was vetoed because of the potential of snow (remember Jan, Feb, and March this year?).
- Your secretary agreed to do more in the future in the direction of making press releases to the local and national numismatic press on what the club is doing.

There are 2.68 troy pounds (coin weight) or 32.16 troy ounces in a kilogram. So to find the value of a troy ounce of gold or silver when the price is expressed in kilograms divide the quoted price by 32.16.

– *Numismatic News*, 8/16/94, p. 31.

Penny-Wise Research Library On CD-ROM is the entire run of the Early American Coppers *Penny-Wise* from 1967 to 1993, produced by Digital Dynamics in Ann Arbor, MI. The disk includes text, graphics, photographs, and audio links. The *Numismatic News* review gives it high points, especially

when it comes to searching for data, making book marks, and attaching personal notes to the text. It requires one of the later model PCs with a CD-ROM drive. You can get this for \$99 and \$4 postage from Digital Dynamics, Inc. Ann Arbor, MI 48105, ph. 313-995-2400.

– *Numismatic News*, 11/1/94, p. 20.

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November Prizes

Regular membership prize: Marty Krashoc

Junior membership prize: Abe Vollrath

Not present to claim membership prize: Roger Bear, David Friedrick

Door prize winners: Don Cerny, Mike Metras, Harry Westlake

Not present to claim door prize: Dennis Deane, Jay Sidmore, Gene Cunningham

Raffle winners: There was no raffle

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Prizes Over the Year

The following table lists the prizes given out by the club during 1994. The considerable door prizes are not included because they were not published beforehand. Review this list as you think about renewing your membership for next year. I have always appreciated the many fine prizes given out by the club. If you have any ideas on how to make this a more attractive feature for the club, bring them up at the meeting or with one or more of the officers. One idea advanced recently asks for higher grade coins. A quick review of this table shows a lot of high grade coins. The current balance allows us to offer 4 to 5 raffle prizes and 3 to 4 door prizes each month. This gives everyone attending a chance to win something fairly often—all you have to do is attend. Fewer higher graded coins would make your wait longer for a win. Let us know if that is what you really want. A motion and a vote will change our ways.

1994	Member Prize	Y Member Prize	Raffle Prizes
January	1936 10¢ NGC MS-65	1958 10¢ NGC MS-67	1873 Nova Constellatio copper 1803 large cent 1813 large cent 1876 25 cents
February	1923 large silver certificate	1976 & 1980 proof	1904 50 cent 1906 50 cents 1846 1 cent 1850 1 cent 1944 25 cents MS-64
March	1845 1 cent ef	1949 50 cents Unc	1893 Columbian half 1923 dollar 1903-O 10 cents
April	1867 2 cent vf	1961 50 cents proof	1876-CC 50 cents f 1835 10 cent f 1899 Black Eagle series \$1 note
May	Nova Constellatio copper	1941-S 50 cents au	1837 50 cents f 1941-D 50 cents unc 1913 Type I 5 cents F
June	1896 1 dollar bu	1900-O dollar bu	1826 50 cents 1944 dime bu 1921 5 cents vf
July	1887 1 dollar bu	no YNs at meeting	1913 Type 1 5 cents 1931-S 5 cents
August	1893 columbian half bu	1950 50 cents bu	1856-O half dime vf 1948-D 50 cents MS-63
September	1919-S 50 cents f	1946 BT Washington VF	1809/6 half cent f 1857 25 cents vf 1913-D Type I 5 cents
October	1829 50 cents vf	1938-1962 Jefferson set	1877-CC 10 cents vf 1901 25 cents vf 1915 50 cents f+
November	1835 half cent vg	25-cent Alabama Confederate note	No raffle due to auctions

Shows—Shows—Shows

Specific Dates

- Dec 3—Sunny Henry Auction, Howard Johnsons, I80 & US251, Peru, IL (Inspection 3-5:00pm; auction 5pm)

These auctions and the Elmhurst first-Sunday and NOISE third-Sunday shows are the only dates I could confirm for December at the time of publication. I do not know about the other monthlies.

Monthly

- First Sunday—Elmhurst KC, York Road, Elmhurst.
- Third Sunday—N.O.I.S.E., 400 E. Ogden, Westmont.
- 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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