



## January Meeting

January 4      **Meeting:** 7:30pm      Wed.,  
                   **Trading:** 7:00-7:30pm  
                   **Location:** VFW Post 1307  
                             1601 Weld Road  
                             Elgin, IL 888-9809

### Prizes

Cent g      **Regular Member:** 1814 Large  
 Washington 50¢ xf      **Junior Member:** 1951 B.T.  
                                   **Raffle Prizes:** 1829 Large Cent f  
   1876S 25¢ vg  
   1864 2¢ vf  
**Door Prizes:**      Come and  
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**Bring a new member or guest!  
 Not a member? Come anyway for a fun evening!**

## January Meeting

The January meeting will feature a program presented by John Grig on submitting coins to the PCGS grading service.

We would like to have a YN as a member of the club board. We want you YNs to know that you are just as much part of this club and have just as much say as the adult members do. The best way to do that is to get you in on the discussions and decision making processes that lead to what the rest of the club does. To that end we will take nominations during the meeting for a YN board member.

We are also looking for another adult board member to share the same duties mentioned above.

The elections for these positions will take place in February.

We will begin the new format for the Collectors' Corner this month. Bring something to show your friends.

The new lower club dues are due this month. In the spirit of Chicago politics, pay early and often.

## December Minutes

The 444th meeting of the Elgin Coin Club was preceded by a wonderful meal put on by Hank of the VFW. We enjoyed ham and roast beef with potatoes and all the trimmings. And those of us so inclined could even go back for seconds—and thirds. Thanks Hank, we enjoyed it. And thanks to Harold Hunt who did the leg work to make it happen.

### ECC Meeting 444 — December 7, 1994

<b>Opened:</b> 7:45pm	<b>Closed:</b> 8:45pm
<b>Members:</b> 14	<b>YNs:</b> 4
<b>Guests:</b> 3	
<b>Club account:</b> \$1552.07	<b>Cash:</b> \$72.20
<b>Raffle income:</b> n/a	

President Doug Nelson called the 444th meeting of the Elgin Coin Club to order around 7:45pm at VFW Post 1308 after everyone had a full belly and was ready to sit back and relax.

### Secretary's Report

The minutes were accepted as published in the December Newsletter. There were no changes.

### Treasurer's Report

Don Cerny reported the balances indicated in the box.

### Elections

There were no additional names nominated for president or secretary. Since only one person had been nominated for each post, both were elected by a voice vote. With that Doug Nelson became your president and Mike Metras your secretary for the next two years. Congratulations and good luck.

## New Business

During the meeting we voted on and passed the following items:

- *The secretary will send a copy of the January Newsletter along with Page 5 of the December newsletter and a cover letter to past and presently inactive members of ECC. If you have any names of prospective members, I will add them to the group.*
- *Starting January 1995 visitors will fill out a registration form with name and (optionally) address and areas of interest. During the meeting the secretary will introduce the visitors and read their names and interests.*
- *The club will give two prizes (one to regular member and one to a YN) 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 are reduced to the following:*
  - *Full member: \$10*
  - *Junior (under 18) member without parent: \$5*
  - *Family (adults and children): \$15.*
- *The newsletter will include a list of birthdays for the month along with the year you joined the club.*

The latter will begin when I can get it set up. To make this work, when you pay your dues this year, give me your birthday and the year you joined the club.

After voting on the above items, every member received a holiday gift. Each member drew an envelope containing money (\$4-\$10 each) or a ticket for one of the following items. These prizes came from our raffle funds, the club show, the advertising in this Newsletter, and the general club funds. The prizes included:

- NCI grading guide
- Photograde book
- ANA grading standards book
- Red book
- Anco 10x loupe
- Book on coins of England
- Walking Liberty Halves by Swiatek

- 1995 Blackbook - coins
- Bicentennial silver medal
- \$56 in \$2 bills.

## Elgin Coin Club

A.N.A. 29457

P.O. Box 561  
South Elgin, IL 60177

I.N.A. 1299

**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

**Visitors are always welcome!**

**Board Meeting:** The board meeting takes place about two weeks after the regular meeting. We get together at one of the officer's 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, see an officer for the time of and directions to the meeting place.

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

- \$10 full member
- \$5 junior member (YNs) under 18
- \$15 family membership (adults and children)

**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 the editor or any 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.

There was no program, Collector's Corner, or regular raffle. We had a break for conversation and delicious Xmas cake Harold brought. Thanks for picking it up, Harold. And thanks again for the work of setting up the dinner. Doug adjourned the meeting around 8:45.

Presented by Mike Metras, Secretary.

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## Mystery Coin Make Clear By Marty

Once again Marty was the first to guess our mystery coin, the 1875 S over CC Trade Dollar. Here are the clues again with expansion where needed.

1. Engraver Barber – The Trade Dollar was designed and engraved was William Barber, father of Charles E. of “Liberty Head” fame.
2. Seated in her glory – the designer of this list felt that Miss Liberty sits in a glorious pose here. I have to agree.
3. Commercial dollars – The trade dollars were meant for commerce in the orient, not here.
4. 27.22 grams – That's the weight of this .900 fine coin with .7874 oz. of actual silver.
5. Minted in San Francisco.
6. S over CC.

Now here's your first clue in the new Mystery Coin contest. Good Luck.



Clue one: power keg bands

With the beginning of this new Mystery Coin here again are the rules as first published in the April, 1994 Newsletter.

- The coin is usually a specific coin, not a series.
- a new clue is published each month until someone guesses the coin or six months pass.
- When you come to the meeting, write your guess with your name on a piece of paper and pass it to one of the officers.
- You can guess at any meeting before the review of guesses by the officer running the contest.
- You have only one guess per month.
- The winner will receive a prize determined by the board.
- In the event that more than one person correctly guesses the coin at a meeting, a raffle of those correctly answering will determine the winner.

- If there is no winner at a given meeting, the reviewer will give no clue as to how close or far the guesses were from the correct answer.
- Officers and board members (who take part in determining the mystery coin) and the newsletter editor are not eligible to win.

## December Board Meeting

December's board meeting was held at the Gaslight Coin Shop in South Elgin at 7pm December 9. Those present were President Doug Nelson, Treasurer Don Cerny, and Secretary Mike Metras.

This month we:

- Decided to ask the membership to nominate and elect a YN to be a board member. We want YNs to know that they are just as much part of this club and have just as much say as the adult members do. The best way to do that is to get them in on the discussions and decision making processes that lead to what the club does.
- Went over old addresses and names to decide who should receive the letters to inactive members.
- Decided on the prizes for January's meeting.

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## Books, etc.

Allen G. Berman and Alex G. Malloy. *Warman's Coins and Currency*. Wallace-Homestead Book Co. 1994. \$15.95. This book bills itself as the “only single-volume guide to coins and paper money from around the world.” Whether or not it is the only such volume or even comes close to it, it does cover both subjects and includes coins all the way back to Lydia and ancient China. The first half of the book is dedicated to US coins, tokens, commemoratives, and paper money. The other half is dedicated to Canadian, ancient, and foreign coins and currency. Obviously, doing all this in 350 pages leaves holes. Don't buy this book if you want a catalog of everything made. None the less, this is a delightful paperback with more than 500 illustrations gives glimpses into a myriad of places that have issued coins (even Axum!). This is a fun book.

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## Time for New Year's Resolutions

The following letter was published on the *Coin World* “Letters To The Editor” page December 14:

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There is cause for concern over the future of numismatics.... We have many coin clubs and coin dealers folding up, or on the “ropes.”...

... if we take numismatics in its broadest interpretation, then the new types of “plastic money” [credit, debit, and phone cards] are just another segment of the history of numismatics. However, just expanding the scope of our hobby does not ensure lively coin clubs. No, it takes participation by every member of the any club for that club to survive and be interesting.

I find too many coin clubs' members relying on their president, secretary or other member to entertain them with programs, slides, VCR tapes and other presentations. When pressed to answer, “What interests you?” these members just shrug their shoulders and say, “Oh, just about anything.” Eventually the person struggling to make his/her club more exciting gets very confused and says to themselves [*sic*], “What do I **do** next?” They may even just give up in frustration.

Here then is where the future of numismatics rests, on **all** our shoulders. Participation in a coin club meeting is far less painful than a trip to the orthodontist, so why not just “do” it. Everyone of us has some unique information to share with our fellow coin club members, Each of us has a different perspective on what makes a coin worthy to save, or a bank note that is much more exciting to set aside. We may even have opinions on the “new” money on the horizon. Share your time and energy, and the future of numismatics will be guaranteed.

Robert D, Hatfield  
Allen Park, Mich.

I could not have said this better. In fact Don asked me if I had actually sent it to *Coin World* under a pseudonym because these are things so close to my sentiments, so close to what I have said again to one and all of you. I hadn't. So I put the letter here to encourage each of you to think about adding just one little resolution to you list for this new year. That can be any of the following or any or a hundred other things:

- I will try to bring something to Collectors Corner each month (ever other month) (every three months) to share with my fellow collectors.
- I will give a presentation on ..... for one month's program.
- I “can't” [this writer doesn't believe it] do a presentation myself, but I will contact so-and-so and get him/her to do a presentation for the club.
- I will do .... for the club members.

- I will write a paragraph, an article, a series of articles on ..... for the newsletter.
- I know of such-and-such numismatically related game I can and will share for a meetings program.

Or your resolution could be something very different. Just make one *little* one for your fellow club members.

As the letter says, your officers cannot do everything for you, we are not bottomless wells with What-to-do solutions. Thanks a very lot to those who contribute regularly. But you who just sit there month in and month out (you know who you are), I *know* you must have *something* we all would love to hear about—tell us once in a while.

How really neat it would be if we had *too many* ideas to choose from and actually had to choose what not to do!

Whatever you do, make that resolution and let's pull together to make our little corner of the numismatic world flourish. Because if we are healthy, that health will filter out into the rest of the hobby and make it a lot more fun for a lot of others.

## Shows—Shows—Shows

### Spzific Dates

- Jan 28—Sonny Henry Auction, Howard Johnson, I80 & US251, Peru, IL (815-539-6300)

### Monthly

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