



1994 Best Local Coin Publication!

When I started this newsletter in January 1994, I aim was to create something for the club that would give you something more than just the club minutes and what it was going to do the next month. I wanted to give you a few things to play with and some things to learn. And I wanted to prod you into more participation in the meeting. I hope this has done all those things and more for you over it's year and a half of existence.

When I heard the American Numismatic Association had a contest for club publications, I decided to submit the Newsletter—What the Hay? It may make a showing—and you agreed to let me do so. I sent in all publications for 1994.

The results are now in. Your Elgin Coin Club Newsletter won the ANA award as the best local club publication in all the country. I could have gone to the ANA convention in Anaheim, California, Aug 19th to pick up the award. But it was hotter there than here in Illinois so I opted to let them send it to me. I hope I have it in time for the September meeting.

September Meeting

During the September meeting we will have a coin quiz. We will pass out a list of questions and you will be able to look them over and answer them among yourselves and then we will give you the answers and talk them. This will a different kind of quiz. It will be an open-book quiz and a quiz where two or three of you can work together on the answers. Bring in your Red Book and any other reference you want (there will be a couple foreign questions).

The Illinois Numismatic Association (ILNA) is having a spring show in the area and is looking for sponsor clubs. Harold is finding out what that means in terms of what we as a sponsor would have to do. He'll bring that information to the September meeting for discussion as to whether we want to sponsor the event.

There will be an after-meeting Auction if some or more of you bring something and the rest of us bring some money.

September Meeting

Meeting: 7:30pm Wed., September 6
Trading: 7:00-7:30pm
Location: VFW Post 1307
 1601 Weld Road
 Elgin, IL 888-9809

Prizes

Regular Member: 1888 5¢ No Cents MS-61
Junior Member: Washington Comm 50¢ Unc
Raffle Prizes: 1936 5¢ MS-63
 1936 50¢ xf
 1907-D 10¢ vg
 And more...
Door Prizes: Come and see.

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

August Minutes

ECC Meeting 452 — August 5, 1995

Opened: 7:30pm	Closed: 8:15pm
Members: 14	YNs: 5
Guests: 2	
Club account: \$860.67	Cash: \$105.50
Raffle income: \$u/k	

President Doug Nelson called the 452nd meeting of the Elgin Coin Club to order at 7:30pm at VFW Post 1308.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter. The secretary also introduced four visitors.

Treasurer's Report

Don reported the numbers listed in the box above. He also reported that the club has paid for the \$10 gold that will be in the club Show raffle.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Marty K. asked why our club was not listed in *Numismatic News'* club show listing yet. Harold said at the board meeting that the entry was in the mail. We mailed out the listing for the *Coin Worlds* show list to have it appear September 18 through the show date (6 weeks).

Show and Tell

Marty K. and I brought things for Show and Tell:

- A couple months ago Marty K. won a 1939 D/D dime. He had it authenticated by J.T. Stanton who indicated it was an unlisted variety worth \$15-20. Marty showed us the dime and a photo authentication.
- I brought in five 1921 Notgelt notes of Hamlin, Germany. The notes told the story of the Pied Piper of Hamlin. I resurrected them from a long unlooked-at stack after reading an Aug. 7 *Coin World* article (pp. 62-63) on the very set of notes I had. The article looks into the legend and what may have been at its roots.

Program

Joe Cerny stood in for his dad who was sick. Joe talked about making exhibits for coin shows. We sure hope several of you decide to take the time to put together an exhibit for the October show. It doesn't have to be grand. Just show us some of what you like to collect and tell us a little about it.

August Prizes

Regular membership prize: Frank Schlapinski
Junior membership prize: Chuck Cerny
Door prize winners: Mike Cerny, Al Maday
Raffle winners: Gene Cunningham, Jerry Ransom, Mark Finnegan

After the program we had the raffle drawing, the membership, and door prize drawings. The winners are in the accompanying box.

Submitted by Mike Metras, Secretary.

Lowest Mintage of the Century

Can you name the regular circulating, non-gold coin with the lowest mintage year in this century? Better yet, name the ten regular circulating coins with the lowest mintage years this century. Gold, commemoratives, and the 1913 Liberty Head nickel are out of this. Just name the regular cents, nickels, dimes, quarters, and/or halves that make up this top ten list. Try to do this without consulting your Red Book first.

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Regular Meeting: First Wednesday 7:30pm
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1601 Weld Road
Elgin, IL

Visitors are always welcome.

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

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, contact an officer for the time of and directions to the meeting place.

Club Dues: Membership dues in the Elgin Coin Club, payable by 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 (815-786-6779)

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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.

Forget the 1900S VDB, it's 15th with 484,000. So if you were starting with it, think again. Interestingly the mintage figures for the ten cents add up to 1,572,351, just over half the number of Large Cents minted in 1800. The mint pounded out 2,822,175 cents to meet demand that year. The bulk of this comes from an article in the *Canadian Coin News*, July 9, 1991, p. 12. Thanks to Clayton Hagemann for giving it to me.

The answers are on page 4.

Board Meeting

Doug Nelson, Harold Hunt, Don Cerny, and Mike Metras met at Doug's in Elgin on August 16. We

- Decided on the prizes for this month.
- Talked over a request from ILNA for us to be a sponsor (translated work for) their spring 1996 show
- Discussed the club show announcements in the *Coin World* and *Numismatic News*. Both are now in the mail.
- Discussed and decided on the September program

Making Exhibits

Most of us really enjoy looking at and learning from the exhibits others have taken the time to make for the various shows we attend. At the time we tend to think these exhibits are some mysterious things that we couldn't possibly make. Not so, my friend, not so at all. If you have some coins you are especially interested in you can lay them out in some order, write a few lines, and presto, you have an exhibit that others can learn from.

I'm not talking about competitive exhibits that have tens or rules for you to follow, though you can do those almost as easily. I'm talking about a case with some coins for your own show. If we really put our mind to it I bet each one of us could do something and everyone would learn a lot from the others.

Joe Cerny, Don, I, and some others talked about this at the August meeting. I do not want to belabor the point. But I do want you to think about seriously. Just think about something you'd really like to explore and relate and dive into it. For more ideas see the article "Many collectors fear exhibiting, need to take the plunge and show their wares: No special magic to developing display" in the *Coin World* July 17, 1995, p. 10.

One of my most intriguing observations occurred in the men's room of the Sophia train station. The public toilets there are non-functioning toilets (i.e., a hole in the floor). There is a basket in each stall with paper products. The basket was filled with 1- and 2-leva [the Bulgarian monetary unit] notes because the charge for toilet tissue was three leva. Someone ... once said, "Governments are the only institutions that can take a valuable commodity like paper, print something on it, and make it totally worthless."

- Stephen Rochner, NY, NY, *World Coin News*, 7/28/95, p.4.

The Numismatic Guarantee Group (NGC) and the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) have both admitted to cleaning coins that do not have eye appeal to make them look better. The cat is out of the bag!

— *Numismatic News*, 8/8/95, p. 1.

Bits...

From a Letters to the Editor commenting on a trip to Bulgaria:

Lowest Mintage of the Century Answers (Don't read first)

Mintage	Year	Denomination
40,000	1913-S	Barber quarter
52,000	1916	Standing Liberty quarter
72,664	1901-S	Barber quarter
124,610	1914	Barber half
138,450	1915	Barber half
188,627	1913	Barber half
208,000	1921-D	Liberty Walking half
238,000	1912-S	Liberty Head nickel
246,000	1921	Liberty Walking half
264,000	1916-D	Winged Liberty dime

(Mintage source: Red Book)

Update

I am getting settled into my new Sandwich home and the old house in Aurora is sold. I can now spend some more time on this Newsletter and the business of the club. Thanks to all of you who have supported us in this uneasy spring and early summer. If necessary, you can contact me at 815-786-6779 between meetings.

Shows

- Sep 3—Elmhurst Coin Show, KofC Hall 537 South York Rd, Elmhurst, IL
- Sep 9—Tazewell Numis. Assoc. Coin Show, 551 S. 14th St, Pekin, IL
- Sep 9—Sonny Henry Auction, Howard Johnson, I-80 and US 251, Peru, IL
- Sep 17—Rockford Area Coin Club Show, Holiday Inn Hoffman House (formerly Ramada Inn), 7550 E. State, Rockford, IL
- Sep 17—NOISE coin and Card Show, Inland Expo ctr, 400 E. Ogden, Westmont, IL
- Sept 24—Polish-American Numis. Assoc. Coin and Collectibles Show, 5835 W. Diversey, Chicago
- Sep 29-Oct 1—Illinois Numis. Assoc. Coin Show and Convention, Best Western, 17400 S. Halstead (I-80 and I-1), Homewood, IL
- **Oct 29—Elgin Coin Club**, Elgin Inn, I-90 and Rt31, Elgin, IL