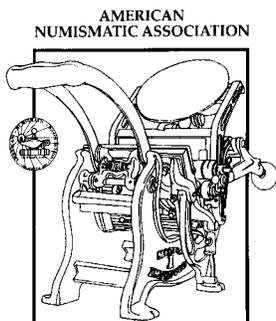




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to sign up for a couple time slots during the meeting. We will need people to help set up early, people to sit at the club table and welcome and register visitors, people to help clean things up at the end, and runners throughout the day. You can make this a successful day. We need each other to make this work.

We haven't heard from anyone about what you are bringing for an exhibit. Please think about this—it can be fun and it isn't a lot of work.

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

Rich, please bring your slide projector. Thanks.

With all the silly commemoratives we are making these days, where is the important commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations?

October Meeting

The October program will include an ANA slide show on type coins from 3¢ through 20¢, from the beginning through current coins.

We will also give you last minute information on your coin show. Please think about how you can help us and be ready

October Meeting

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

Prizes

Regular Member: 1936 Buff. 5¢ MS-65
Junior Member: 1972, '73, '86 25¢ proof
Raffle Prizes: 1932 25¢ MS-63
1963 50¢ MS-64
And more...
Door Prizes: Come and see.

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

September Minutes

ECC Meeting 453 — September 5, 1995

Opened: 7:35pm	Closed: 8:30pm
Members: 13	YNs: 3
Guests: 1	
Club account: \$863.70	Raffle monies: \$124.00

President Doug Nelson called the 453rd meeting of the Elgin Coin Club to order at 7:35pm at VFW Post 1308.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter. The secretary also announced that the note on page 2 about the club taking 5% on auction hammer prices is not true—the club takes nothing. I also showed off the ANA first place outstanding local numismatic publication award won by this newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Don reported the numbers listed in the box above.

Show Report

Harold reported that our show is now in the *Coin World*, *Numismatic News*, and the ILNA catalog. He also reported it was in the *Numismatist*; problem though—the annual convention happened and they didn't get the announcement in time to publish it—it didn't make the 8-week lead time. I suspect it got lost somewhere on the way to the correct desk.

Harold also asked that we think of how we are going to help. There will be sheets at the October meeting for you to sign up on. Thanks in advance for helping make this a success.

Harold also asked for some items for the hourly door prizes. Since then we bought several items during the the board meeting, but we could use some others.

New Business

Harold reported that the Illinois Numismatic Association (ILNA) has feelers out looking for local clubs for them to sponsor for a spring show. This would be our show with ILNA lending it's name and advertining and support. It would be ours entirely to organize and run. Schaumburg is doing this in 1996. 1997 is open and we are being wooed. Think about it.... Do we want to do this? Do we want a second, spring show? Do we want only one show, this one? Or do we want a show at all? You have to let us know what you want. We try to listen.

Award

I gave a club award and a partial set of Jefferson nickles to Joe Cerny as thanks for the help he has given the club, and for his presentation on numismatic exhibits he gave last month. Thanks Joe for your participation—that's what makes the club work.

Program

September's program was an interactive program. Rather, the members did most of the work. I only facilitated, led them on.

First everyone drew a current cent. Five of the 20 there had Lincoln facing left, a revelation. I didn't ask for any more showing of hands but I do think several learned a thing or two about what they knew and did not know about that coin that almost every one of us started out with.

A similar task with a nickle drawing brought similar results. The bottom line: do not assume you really know what you see, what you have been looking at—closely—for years and years. This surely says something about witnesses in a criminal trial?

Next we had a quiz of some 16 questions. Everyone had a chance to work on them, alone, with each other and with their books. As we had just seen, we cannot remember everything, we have to have open books to help us—all we really need is to know where to look.

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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)

Newsletter editor: Mike Metras (815-786-6779)

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Finally, we went over the answers together. We're lucky when we remember all the details, but we usually don't, as we demonstrated in the beginning—we have to know where to look for answers. Attention was high most of the time. All enjoyed the challenge.

September Prizes

Regular membership prize: Harry Westlake
Junior membership prize: Joe Cerny
Door prize winners: Rich Ekebrecht, Marty Krashoc, Frank Schlapinski
Raffle winners: Harry Westlake, Don Cerny, Marty, Krashoc

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.

Board Meeting

Doug Nelson, Harold Hunt, Don Cerny, and Mike Metras met at Don's in Elgin on September 20.

- We decided on the prizes for this month.
- We talked some more about the request from ILNA for us to be a sponsor for their spring show in 1997. We decided to table further discussion for now and wait and see how it works for the Schaumburg club in 1996.
- We discussed and decided on the October program.
- We talked over several details concerning the club show, not the least of which was our concern over the only few tables sold so far. In the end we decided this is an annual concern until the middle of October when everyone finally signs up. We hope and expect this will be the same this year—sign up everyone now, or soon.
- Harold reported that Dennis Kwas won the extra table lottery as a result of having his table registration in before Sept 15. Congrats Dennis!
- Discussed how we were going to get each of you to seriously consider creating an exhibit for the show (and actually create it). We decided to ask you one last time. That I did on the first page.

Bits...

Some US notes have been found in Mexico with "Chop"-like marks. Are our notes getting notorious enough that local merchants have to authenticate them before they are useable?
- *Coin World*, 8/28/95, p. 3.

Like coins with trains? Mongolia has issued three "collector" coins, two with steam engines, and one with a map of the Trans-Siberian Railway. Too bad I do not collect non-circulating coins—there are pretty.
- *Coin World*, 8/28/95, p.17.

Why not a commemorative to the 30th anniversary of Star Trek? Roddenbery is dead now and so a legal subject. And I know a lot of us who would buy this one.
- *Coin World*, "Letters to the Editor", 8/28, p. 25.

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-S. Maltby, *Coin World*, 8/28/95, p.50.

Old On New

© by Mike Metras

We must not have given our government enough suggestions for new coinage yet. I'd say all of us have said a lot. In fact almost any change would be welcome (just so they do not end up looking like the Netherlands' coins—they are not pleasant to the eye.).

The reverse of Israel's circulating coins have various items from antiquity: a harp, the capital of a pillar, a boat, and an ancient coin. Yes, a coin on a coin.



A Coin on a Coin

If we have to keep the obverse of our coins, so be it. But how about superimposing some of our 200-year coins on the back of our current coins? How's this starters:

- Replace the Lincoln memorial with the "One Cent" and wreath of the 1796 reverse. It can be a bit smaller to accommodate the mandated mottos that don't fit on the obverse.
- Replace Monticello on the nickel with the 1794-1797 eagle on the half dime.
- Replace the faces and leaves on the dime with Miss Liberty from the 1796 dime.
- Replace the quarter's current eagle with the one used in 1815.
- If we keep the half, replace the eagle with the 1794 eagle.
- Finally, the new dollar, whatever size the decide on, should look like, or include a likeness of the 1804 dollars (with mandated mottos).



A New Half

Shows

- Sep 29-Oct 1—Illinois Numis. Assoc. Coin Show and Convention, Best Western, 17400 S. Halstead (I-80 and I-1), Homewood, IL
- Oct 1—Elmhurst Coin Show, KofC Hall, 537 South York Rd, Elmhurst, IL
- Oct 8—Corn Belt Coin Club Fall Show, McLean Co. Farm Bureau, 402 N. Hershey, Bloomington, IL
- Oct 15—Indian Hill Coin Club Show, Gurnee Am. Legion, 749 N. Milwaukee, Gurnee.
- Oct 15—NOISE coin and Card Show, Inland Expo ctr, 400 E. Ogden, Westmont, IL
- Oct 22—Polish-American Numis. Assoc. Coin and Collectibles Show, 5835 W. Diversey, Chicago
- **Oct 29—Elgin Coin Club**, Elgin Inn, I-90 and Rt31, Elgin, IL