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34th Annual Coin Show Success

Our 34th annual show was a great success. Customers were there before the doors opened at nine, customers were sitting at dealers tables, dealers reported they had little time to take care of the necessities. No dealer left before three. If we had any doubts about the show's success this year before it started (and we did), they were quickly stamped out. The aisles were full most of the day and when they weren't, customers were still buying. Now that I read this it looks as though the dealers were all that mattered. Not so! the customers also seemed to have a great time finding just what they were looking for—and at the right price.

Harold Hunt reports the show made a tidy profit of \$539.45 for the club. Thanks to Harold for all the work he did to make this show happen. Thanks also to Don, Joe, Mike, and Chuck Cerny for their help in many areas. Thanks to YNs Mike Cerny and Shea Finnigan for manning the table that sold \$155.38 in proof and mint sets for the club. Thanks also to Jerry Ransom, Rich Eckebrecht, and Harry Westlake for donating door prizes for the show. Thanks to Don, Joe, and Chuck Cerny and Dave Vollrath for manning the Welcome table and to all others I forgot to mention who put in their time and effort.

December Meeting

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

Prizes

Regular Member: 1923 Silver Certificate
Junior Member: Bicentennial set
Raffle Prizes: 1882CC Dollar BU
Brief Case
1987 Eagle BU
1995 Eagle BU

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

Show Raffle

The show raffle brought in \$773 to the club, \$596 from tickets sold by members and another \$177 sold at the door. Here for the record are the winners:

- \$10 Gold—WAMCO company
- \$100—Jacob Hunt (4 mo—early start!)
- 1882-CC dollar—Pat Hunt
- 1993 silver proof set—Jacob Hunt
- 1957 proof set—Mike Metras

Thanks to the nine members who took the effort to sell \$596 worth of tickets. They were: Harold Hunt (230), Al Maday (108), Roger Bear (50), Don Cerny (50), Mike Metras (43), Rich Eckebrecht (40), Harry Westlake (25), Al Cerny (25), and Marty Krashoc (25).

December Meeting

December brings us our holiday dinner. It is scheduled to start at seven, so mark your calendar and come a bit earlier than usual. If you are coming and haven't signed up or let one of the officers know you were coming, please give me a call (815-786-6779) so we can be sure we will have enough food.

After the dinner we will have a short business meeting to elect the Treasurer and Vice President for the next two years. Don

Cerny accepted the nomination for Treasurer again. Harold Hunt has reluctantly accepted the nomination for Vice President again. He would rather someone else among you would take the position. The floor will still be open for nominations before the elections.

We also want to open new business on changing the way we do membership auctions. Read the article later in this newsletter and be ready to discuss and vote on the change.

Next we'll have the annual distribution of presents to members.

After a break to sell raffle tickets (look at the truly great raffle prizes we have this month) we will have the Young Numismatists' Auction we were unable to have in November due to low YN turnout.

1996 Dues

Throughout the meeting we will be taking in 1996 dues. As last year, they are \$10 for regular members, \$5 for YNs (under 18) without a parent, and \$15 for families (adults and children). They are due before the March meeting. We'll take them earlier if you have them. You can also send them to the club Post Office box number.

November Minutes

ECC Meeting 455 — November 1, 1995

Opened: 7:45pm	Closed: 8:30pm
Members: 15	YNs: 2
Guests: 4	
Club account: \$498	Made on W. Eleph.: \$54.15
For deposit: \$898	

President Doug Nelson called the 455nd meeting of the Elgin Coin Club to order at 7:45pm at VFW Post 1308.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were accepted as published.

I also introduced four visitors. Nice to have you with us. I hope you enjoyed your visit and will be back soon and often.

Treasurer's Report

Don reported the numbers listed in the box above.

Show Report

Harold reported on our successful show. The details along with some additions are in the introductory story in this newsletter.

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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

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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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.

Business

There was not new or old business.

Nominations

Don Cerny accepted the nomination for Treasurer. No one was nominated for Vice President. Harold reluctantly accepted the nomination during the board meeting a couple weeks later. But I think he would rather someone else take the nomination and office. You still have a chance in December to come forward.

Program

We had a White Elephant auction that netted the club \$54.15. The scheduled YN auction was postponed until December because we had only two YNs at the meeting.

During the auction the members worked on a quiz that matched countries with the name of their currencies.

Thanks to everyone who donated to the White Elephant and to the YN auction.

November Prizes

Regular membership prize: Don Cerny

Junior membership prize: Shea Finnigan

Door prize winners: Lorraine Westlake, Al Maday, Don Cerny

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

Submitted by Mike Metras, Secretary.

Editorial

This edition of your Newsletter includes an index of topics that appeared in the Newsletter this year. It also includes a list of the programs and prizes we had over the past year. I intend to send out this edition to anyone who asks about the club. It gives a good summary of what activities someone can hope to find by coming to our meetings.

This is the 14th edition of the Elgin Coin Club Newsletter. The first year won the ANA Best Local Publication award. Hopefully this year's volume will make a showing in that contest though I fear the missing and weak middle issues (because of my house fire) likely will put a damper on that. I hope you have enjoyed what has come so far.

Next month begins the Newsletter's third year. I am not resting on any laurels here. Look for new and better things to come. I hope to have more graphics than in the past. And if I really get ambitious, you might even see a new and improved layout during the next year.

Let me know what you'd like to see here. What new features can I add? What old ones do you miss and would like to see come back? *What can you offer* in the way of articles or tidbits? I offer you the chance of getting your name in print (to say nothing of relieving me of having to come up with something new all the time!). This is your Newsletter as well as mine.

Board Meeting

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

- We decided on the dinner, prizes, and gifts for this month.

- We discussed December YN auction.
- We talked over several details concerning the show, mostly the success reported in the opening article in this newsletter.
- We nominated Harold for a second term as Vice president.
- We discussed starting a biannual membership auction. See the accompanying story for details.

Auction Change

We have had a few auctions in the past months. Some sellers have captured good money for their coins, some have not. Some buyers have secured good deals, some have just not bought. We want to make the auctions more beneficial for both seller and buyer. To that end the board decided to end the monthly, end-of-meeting auction.

Instead of the monthly small auctions, we, your officers, want to have two larger member auctions a year, one in May and another in October. The White Elephant auctions will remain in June and November.

To help this biannual auction work, I will publish a list of lots in the Newsletter the month of the auction. That way you can let the other members savor whatever you have (especially the nicer things) before the meeting. They will remember better to have a bit extra cash in their pockets. As buyers, you will know what is available so you can be ready to offer a bit more for something you really want.

To make this work, you will have to plan ahead a bit give me a list of what you want to sell along with minimum bids during the April and September meetings so I can put the list together for publishing in the Newsletter. You can also phone or send the list to me as long as I get it a week before publication (the Thursday before the meeting is publication date). You will also be able to bring in other items the day of the sale—you just will not have the advantage of having announced them to the other members before hand.

Let's talk about this at the December meeting and vote on making it so.

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The following index lists articles and subjects that have been published in this Elgin Coin Club *Newsletter* through 1995. Each entry is followed by the month and page number of the reference.

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1995 Programs

As a review, here are the programs we've seen this year. Thanks to all who helped with them. We're looking for help here too. What else would you like to see? *What Program can you give or point us to?* We always need ideas.

PCGS Grading explained by John Greg	Jan
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White Elephant sales	June, Nov

Show Dealers

The following dealers had tables at our 34th Annual Coin Show last month. We thank them for their support and you for your support of them.

Roger Bear
Betty's Coins
Castle Collectibles
Rich Eckebrecht
Frontier Coins
Gaslight Coins
Peter Gass
Clayton Hagemann
J. R. Coins
Al Maday
John Newquist
R & J Coins
Bob Wasitis

1995 Prizes

The following table lists the membership and raffle prizes given away and sold this year. Review it and let us know how you'd like to see us change what we are offering. We are open to all suggestions—this is your club too.

1994	Membership Prizes (Regular/YN)	Raffle Prizes
Jan	1814 cent g 1951 B.T. Washington xf	1829 1c f 1876S 25c vg 1864 2c vf
Feb	1847 10c f '68S,'69S,'74S,'76S,'80 25c pf	1853 3c silver 1843 10c vf 1853O 5c silver vg
Mar	<i>Guide to Barber Quarters</i> 3 proofs, a loon, and a '64 Kennedy	1856 25c xf 1817 1c vg 1941S 10c
Apr	<i>Guide to Walking Liberty Halves</i> 1979S Type 2 50c Pf	1932 25c bu 1944S 10c bu
May	1899 50c 1986 Silver Eagle bu	1885O 1\$ au 1944 50c au 1902 25c F
Jun	1829 half cent f 1953D 50c MS63	1802 1c ag 1943 10c MS64FSB 1920D 25c ag
Jul	<i>Perspectives in Numismatics</i> '76S,'80S,'83S 25c pf and Red Book	1803 half cent vg 1952D 50c unc 1945 10c MS63
Aug	1942 50c MS63 '72S through '76S 5c pf	<i>Guide to Barber Dimes</i> 1850 1c vf 1927 1c unc
Sept	1883 no cents 5c MS61 Washington 50c unc	1936 5c MS63 1936 50c xf 1907D 10c vg
Oct	1936 5c MS65 '72,'73,'86 25c pf	1932 25c MS63 1963 50c MS64
Nov	1951D 50c MS64 1963 mint set unc	No raffle
Dec	1923 \$1 silver cert. bicentennial set	brief case 1882CC \$1 1987 silver Eagle 1995 silver Eagle

Shows

- Nov 26—Mattoon Coin Club Fall Show, Ramada Inn, Rt. 16, Mattoon, IL
- Nov 26 noon—D'Atri Auctions, Holiday Inn, I55 & I183, Willowbrook, IL
- Dec 2 5pm—Sonny Henry Auction, Howard Johnson, I80 & US251, Peru, IL
- Dec 3—Coin Show, KofC, 537 S. York, Elmhurst, IL (This may not be happening, but it is announced in the *NM*) ****
- Dec 9—Dunning's Coin and Stamp Auction, 755 Church Road, Elgin, IL
- Dec 10—Coin Club Show, VFW 6618 39th Ave (Exit I94 at 50 East, left on 39th St), Kenosha, WI
- Dec 17—NOISE Coin and Card Show, Inland Expo Ctr, 400 E. Ogden, Westmont, IL
- Feb 2—Coin Expo, VFW Post 5819, 15780 New Ave., Lemont, IL

**** This month (or maybe even November) is the last month for the Elmhurst first Sunday show at the KC hall. A lot of us liked it and will miss it.

A new first Sunday show is starting up on Feb 6, 1996. It will be known as the Lemont Coin show and will take place at the VFW hall at 90 East New Ave. in Lemont. Sponsored by Jim Anderson of the Coin Collector Connection in Bolingbrook, the show is scheduled for the first Sunday each month beginning in February. Jim's directions say exit I55 at Lemont road south. At the third light turn right, 100 feet to left is the VFW. Good luck, Jim.