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March Meeting to Take Place on WEDNESDAY, March 27

Please make a note on your calendar regarding the meeting date for our March meeting. There has been a change in our schedule, due to unforeseen circumstances with the Library Services Center. We will meet at 7:00 PM, as usual, but on WEDNESDAY, March 27. Please try to attend if possible. Hope to see you there!

THE MONTHLY PLANCHET

The Indianapolis Coin Club is a nonprofit, educational organization founded in 1939 for the purpose of educating people of all ages in the greater Indianapolis community about the coins they presently own or may wish to collect. We hold eleven monthly meetings each year (presently at the Marion County Library Service Center at 24th and Meridian Streets) during which various programs of an educational nature are held for the benefit of our membership and the general public. All meetings are open to the public and there is no charge for attendance unless a person wishes to become a member of the club. Adult annual dues are \$12.00 per year, junior membership dues are \$5.00 per year.



Corner

John Maag's

However, under the new mark standard, no further commemorative coins were issued under Wilhelm I. These coins were all regular issues, but they depicted him with the title of "kaiser". By this time, the old thaler standard had been abandoned and all minor coinage was coinage for the empire, although the states continued to issue coins above the mark denomination with the common imperial eagle re-

verse and denomination.

When Wilhelm I died in 1888, he was succeeded by his son Friedrich, whose reign was short, as he died of throat cancer within ninety-nine days. Although not commemorative coins as such, the Friedrich two mark, five mark silver, ten and twenty mark gold coins were considered to be commemorative by many, resulting in the widespread availability of these coins in choice condition even now, as opposed to most other coins of this era with the "small eagle" reverse. However, a case could be made that these coins were like the "death thalers" of the past, because

they were issued after Friedrich's death.

The "year of three emperors" ended with issues of two, five, ten, and twenty mark coins of the new emperor, Wilhelm II, son of Friedrich and grandson of Queen Victoria (her daughter, Victoria, having married Friedrich in 1858).

It was under Wilhelm, the controversial "kaiser" of the WWI era, that the majority of Prussian commemoratives were issued in the modern era. For the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the "Kingdom of Prussia" in 1901, a two and five mark silver commemorative coin

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Our next meetings are scheduled for Monday, January 28, and TUESDAY, February 26, at 7:00 PM at the Library Services Center, 24th and Meridian Sts., Indianapolis (enter parking lot from 24th St.).

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From Our President

Your board of directors met on Saturday, Jan. 12th to approve the ICC budget for 2002. It was approved and will be published in the February newsletter. In order to have a balanced budget, we have decided to reduce refreshments at our monthly meetings to only soft drinks and coffee. There is a plan afoot to reinstate food if the members work towards a project to provide fast food coupons, which will be discussed at the January 28th meeting. Our upcoming coin show in March was discussed, worked on, and is moving forward, but it needs your help. Please remember that the coin club is your club which needs your support and effort to be a success. See you on the 28th for a productive meeting.

- Jim Luckey working on your behalf



Secretary's Report

The banquet went well. All in attendance had fun. Dues collecting is going well. Thank you to all who have paid your dues. If you haven't paid your dues, I will be attending the meeting so you can turn it in then. If you have an address change or any other info change, please see me at the meeting or send it to the ICC mail box. Thank you.

-Allen



Treasurer's Report January 2002

INCOME

EXPENDITURES

Banquet Meals	\$303.96
Banquet Entertainment	100.00
Newsletter Printing	31.73
Coin Show Printing	13.50

Total Expenses **\$449.19**

Net Expenses **\$449.19**

Balance in Checking 12-31-01 **\$2699.25**

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set was issued with the portraits of Friedrich I and the date 1701, and Wilhelm II, 1901, and the imperial eagle reverse. Oddly enough, occasionally due to the somewhat effeminate appearance of Friedrich, I have seen a few ads mistakenly identifying him as Wilhelm's wife! 2,600,000 of the two mark coins were issued, while only 460,000 of the five mark coins were issued. I might add, that although not identified as such, a case could be made for the 1888 two and five mark small eagle reverse coins of Wilhelm as "commemoratives" for his accession to the throne, although they were not identified as such because his "regular" silver coinage with the new eagle reverse didn't commence until 1891.

The next two coins issued as commemoratives were the three mark coins commemorating the foundation of the University of Berlin in 1810 by Friedrich Wilhelm III and of Breslau by the same king in 1811. The three mark coins were first issued as regular coinage in 1908 by many states since their value corresponded with the old thalers of pre-1871 German states. The three mark for Berlin is almost more medallionic than coinlike, with the high relief and the modernistic eagle on the reverse. Breslau University's commemorative bears a similar, though low relief design, with the busts of Friedrich Wilhelm III and Wilhelm II. The former Friedrich Wilhelm University still exists in Berlin, as the Humboldt University, while the University of Breslau, which was the result of the unification of the Jesuit school Leopodina with the Protestant University of Frankfurt on der Oder, and was opened March 8, 1811. However, the city of Breslau is now in Poland, and known as Wroclaw,

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Puzzle Page

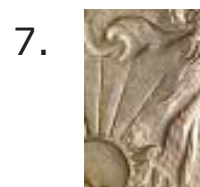
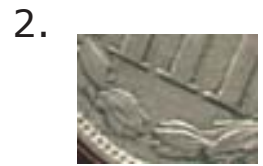
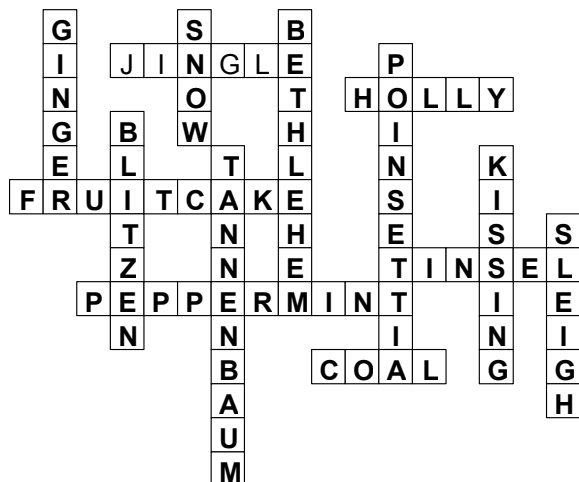
This month's puzzle is a bit different - you must correctly identify the coins from the fragments depicted. Give as much info as possible. There will be a prize for the correct entry randomly drawn from all correct entries.

Good Luck!

Coin World Trivia:

1. When was IN GOD WE TRUST added to the Coronet double eagle?
2. When were the first 1982 cents struck?
3. What event is commemorated on the reverse of the 1971 dollar?
4. What English copper pieces bear the legend GOD PRESERVE LONDON?

December Puzzle Solution



KID'S CORNER



Did You Know?

The First Director was a scientist and astronomer. The first Mint Director, David Rittenhouse, was a famous Philadelphia scientist and astronomer who was appointed by President Washington in 1792. His first public service, in 1763, had been to settle a boundary dispute between Lord Baltimore of Maryland and the Penn Family of Pennsylvania. Mason and Dixon later confirmed his boundary lines.

"In God We Trust" was first used on coins during the Civil War. This inscription was added to the two-cent piece of 1864. But it didn't become necessary to add it to all coins until 1955. The inscription "E Pluribus Unum," which means "One from Many" (as in one country made from many states) was first used on the gold \$5 piece of 1795.

Where's the world's biggest mint? The Philadelphia Mint, the fourth U.S. Mint in that city since 1792, is the world's largest mint, covering over 5 acres of ground. Almost 400,000 people visited it last year, breaking all visitor records.

Martin Luther King

K T Q R E T S I N I M X T L T
 B L T J X T N T R M H S Q M D
 H R R O S E L M A R A T A M I
 R E O D C Q N V H L N R H M S
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FREE AT LAST	I HAVE A DREAM	JAMES EARL RAY	MARCHES
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Coins last a lot longer than bills. The life expectancy of a circulating coin is 30 years, while paper money usually only lasts for 18 months. Now you see why using Golden dollars instead of dollar bills makes a lot of sense!

Two Philadelphia Mint workers are over 90 years old. All U.S. coins are engraved at the Philadelphia Mint, which uses Janvier transfer-engraving machines to reduce the large engraving models to actual coin size. Two of the machines still in use are over 90 years old.

George Washington sat here. The first Mint building in Philadelphia was the first public building authorized by the U. S. government under the Constitution. The Mint is in its fourth building today, where it still displays the key to the first Mint, the original Mint Deed, a boot scraper and a wooden chair that may have supported the bottoms of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. They both lived in Philadelphia when it was the nation's capital and visited the Mint often.

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as a result of the cession of Silesia to Poland, along with other German provinces in the east after WWII. 200,000 of the Berlin coins were issued, but 400,000 of the Breslau were issued. Both coins are relatively common.

1913 saw the issue of four different commemorative coins, two commemorating the "War of Liberation" against Napoleon with his defeat at the "Battles of the Nations" in Leipzig (an event also commemorated by Saxony the same year (1913) with a three mark showing the memorial). The two Prussian coins show Friedrich Wilhelm III surrounded by cheering people and the legend "Der Koenig rief and alle, alle kamen" (the king called and all, all responded) with the leg-


end Mit Gott for Koenig und Vaterland (with God for king and country) and the date 3-17-1813. It was this war which resulted in the creation of the famed Iron Cross and an award for valor. The reverse shows an eagle attacking a snake, the snake being a symbol of foreign rule. Although not mentioned on the coin, this event took place in Breslau with Friedrich Wilhelm's speech "To my people". 1,500,000 of the two mark coins were issued, while 2,000,000 of the three mark coins were issued.



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1913 two mark commemorative, obverse and reverse


Coin World Trivia Answers: 1. 1866 2. Late 1981 3. The Apollo 11 landing on the moon 4. London Elephant tokens.



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This month's educational program will be presented by Mike Suit on the subject of topical collecting . Don't miss it!

There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting for work assignments for our March show. Volunteers will be needed to assist in show preparation, dealer setup and teardown, raffle ticket sales, info desk, and dealer relief, and other miscellaneous duties as necessary. This is our big fund-raising event for the year, so we need you to participate to help keep the ICC in existence.