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The Meetings of the Indianapolis Coin Club are held the fourth Monday of each month at the Nora Library at 8625 Guilford Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Meetings consist of a business session, an intermission, educational program, and a numismatic auction. Doors open at 6:00pm, meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

**The next meeting will
be
Monday,
January 23, 2006!**



Christmas Banquet was a Success!

The Indianapolis Coin Club's Annual Christmas Banquet was a great ending to 2005. It was held this year at the MCL Cafeteria on the Northside of town with many members and spouses present. After a delicious dinner, everyone was serenaded by a Barbershop Quartet from Cincinnati, Ohio. These four guys were enjoyable entertainment. Once that part of the evening was finished, ICC Secretary, Jim Goaziou, had a coin test with prizes and then the new incumbent ICC President, Mark Eberhardt was given an engraved gavel and made a short speech to thank Vinton Dove for all of his hard work with the club for the past years.

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Evolution of the Nickel

The Shield Nickel was authorized by the Act of May 16, 1866, designed by James Longacre and struck at the Philadelphia Mint. Mintage of the 1868 nickel was



28,817,000. The obverse has a shield design, while the reverse has a circle of stars surrounding a large 5, known as

variety 2.

The rarest and most valuable, 1913 Liberty Head Nickels were never meant to be issued. Of 5 known specimens, the ANA has the McDermott Specimen in its museum collection and all 5 are now accounted for. Charles Barber designed the classic nickel with a Liberty head obverse and the Roman numeral V on the reverse.



James Earl Fraser was commissioned by the mint to design a new 5 cent coin in 1912. His Indian/Buffalo Nickel design is on the nickels issued from 1913-1938, struck at the Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver Mints.



Felix Schlag was selected from among 390 artist submissions to design the Jefferson Nickel (1938-2003). Schlag's bust design on the obverse led to the acceptance of presidential portraits on coinage. Monticello, Jefferson's home in Virginia is on the reverse.

President George W. Bush enacted Public Law 108-15 to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis & Clark expedition. The Westward Journey Nickel Series will continue to portray President Jefferson on the obverse. The 2004 Louisiana Purchase/Peace Medal nickel shown, designed by U.S. Mint engraver and Sculptor, Norman Nemeth shows two hands clasped in friendship, one in



a military uniform symbolizing the American government, the other hand adorned with an eagle on a silver beaded band representing Native Americans.

The 2004 Jefferson Nickel features an angled side view of the Keelboat with full sail that transported members of the expedition and their supplies through the rivers of the Louisiana Territory in search of a Northwest passage to the Pacific Ocean. Built to the specifications of Captain Lewis, the 55 foot keelboat could be sailed, rowed, pulled like a raft, or towed from the riverbank. The design, by the United States Mint sculptor/engraver, Al Maletsky, shows Captain Lewis and Clark in full uniform in the bow of the keelboat.



The obverse design for the 2005 nickels bears, for the first time in 67 years, a new likeness of America's third president, Thomas Jefferson. The "Liberty" inscription on the coin is based upon Jefferson's own handwriting. The design is based on the marble bust of Jefferson by the French sculptor Jean-Antoine Houdon, completed in

1789. The design was made age-appropriate to his presidency by utilizing later paintings by Gilbert Stuart and Rembrandt Peale. The design was created by United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program artist, Joe Fitzgerald and United States Mint sculptor-engraver Don Everhart sculpted the design.

The first two new reverses on the 2005 dated nickel features the American Bison, recognizing the American Indians and wildlife encountered by the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Expedition journals described the buffalo as an animal of great significance to many American Indian cultures.

The design was created by United States Mint Artis-



tic Infusion Program Artist, Jamie Franki. United States Mint sculptor/engraver Norman Nemeth sculpted the design.

In late 2005, the nickel featured a scene of the Pacific Ocean and an inscription reflecting an excited entry in the journal of Captain William Clark on November 7, 1805. The design visually depicts the expedition's exultation on believing they had finally reached the Pacific Ocean after so many months of arduous travel. The design was created by the United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program Artist, Joe Fitzgerald and was sculpted by United States Mint sculptor/engraver Donna Weaver. The Westward Journey Nickel series has proven valuable to the numismatic collector and created strong interest to the young numismatists and an added interest in American History.

Depictions of Monticello and Thomas Jefferson will return to the nickel in 2006.



Upcoming Coin Shows

January

22nd - "Muncie Coin & Stamp Show" Muncie, IN Horizon Convention Center 401 S. High Street Exhibit Hall. Hours: 10am-5pm

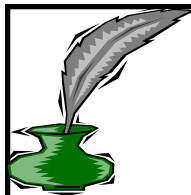
February

12th - "71st Street Coin Show" - Indianapolis, IN K of C Hall 2100 East 71st St. off Keystone Ave. Hours: 9am-3:45pm

19th - "Lafayette Numismatic Society" - Lafayette, IN Tippecanoe County Fair grounds 1401 Teal Road. Hours: 9am-4pm



Letter from the ICC President



It is with great honor that I except this position of President of the ICC. I would like to thank Vinton Dove and the rest of the Officers and Board for there past efforts. As Vice President I studied the club to evaluate its potential. What I found is a club that has finance issues, missed opportunities, but lots of heart. As President I would like to see the Club turn it up a notch, but I can not do this by myself.

First, the club is financially sound as you can see by the Treasurer Report, but has been running in the red for the past few years. This has to change. The board will be looking into ways to do some fund raising, be it a "Show" like most clubs or alternative methods.

Second, "Public Presences" this is where the club is active in promoting the hobby in an organized way. Coin Week in April, displays in museum/libraries, working with schools, Scouts, and most of all Kids, Kids, Kids. All this will take more than money, it will take time. If each member pitches in and volunteers just once on one of these activities, our club will have "Public Presence". With a larger "Presence" our membership should rise. This to me is the most important mission of the club. Promoting the Hobby.

Third, is location. Although our meeting have been well attended at the Nora Library, it has been brought to my attention that it is not the most centralized for all our members. We are at the Nora Library because the one downtown is still under construction. We will check into when it will be open and if we can get a room. We may also do a survey in the Planchet to get a better feel of what our members are looking for.

To me a Club is something, somewhere, that is fun and rewarding. By getting involved in what the club has to offer, and is offering, each member should take the opportunity to do something for the club. Each meeting is an opportunity to share, buy, look at, educate, and learn something new. I encourage you all to attend as many meetings as you can. If you have any problems getting there call me in advance and I will see if there is anyone going by your place that could give you a ride. Our Motto "This is Our Club and we will get out of it what we put into it."

Your President,

Mark Eberhardt



Treasurer's Report November 2005

Income:

50/50	\$ 25.00
Donation	\$ 2.00

Membership Renewals (36)	\$397.00
Donation from M. Grider	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Total	\$434.00

Expenses:

KS-P Quarters	\$13.00
Newsletter Printing	\$21.41
Newsletter Postage	<u>\$22.94</u>
Total	\$57.35

October Checkbook Balance:	\$2,730.07
November Checkbook Balance:	\$3,106.72

ICC CD's Balance \$17,088.81

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Kreck—Treasurer



Secretary's Report November 28, 2005

No Report Submitted by
Secretary

Notes taken by Editor:

- 43 people present
- 4 visitors: Mike Webber, John Simmons, Corey Krebs, & Nicole Sutton
- 3 Juniors present: Wes Alsman, Kurt Miller & Sam Tumminello
- Nora Librarian Gretchen was presented with "The Official ANA Grading Standards" & 2006 "Red Book" by the ICC as donation for use of the Library during the year
- New Officers (listed on page 2) were appointed
- Secretary & Treasurer Reports were read & approved



Treasurer's Report December 2005

Income:

None Rec'd

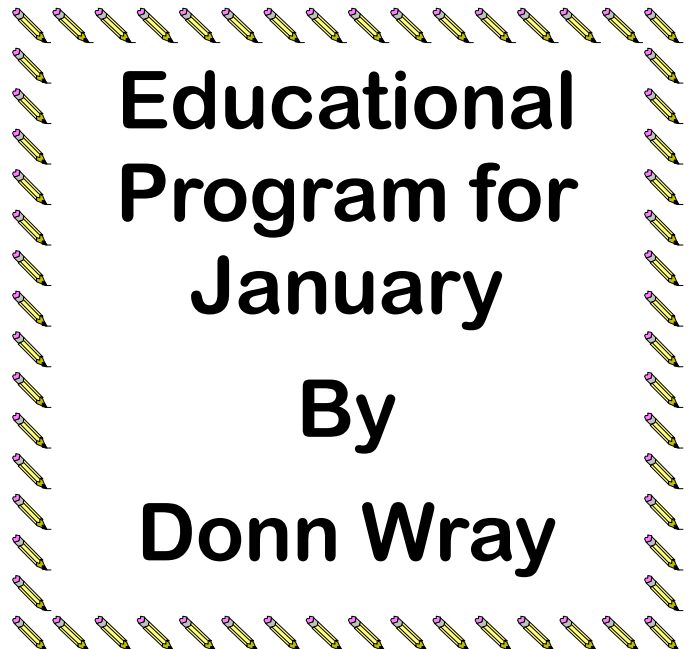
Expenses:

Bond for Treasurer	\$100.00
Barbershop Quartet for Christmas Party	\$100.00
Gavel, Book to Library & flyers	<u>\$ 60.00</u>
Total	\$260.00

November Checkbook Balance	\$3,106.72
December Checkbook Balance	\$2,946.10

ICC CD's Balance \$17,098.27

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Kreck—Treasurer



Educational Program for January

By

Donn Wray