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## **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**

The Meetings of the Indianapolis Coin Club are held  
the fourth Monday of each month at the  
**Northside Knights of Columbus**  
**2100 E. 71st Street 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.

## **Indianapolis Coin Club Educational Program**

**This months Educational Program will be:**

**“TBA” by Jeff Bercovitz**

**Next Months Meeting Date & Program:**

**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 7 pm.**

**“TBA” by Jim Fuson**

*For a complete list of 2014 Meeting Dates & Educational Programs see the last page of this newsletter.*

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## **November 25, 2013 - Minutes of the Indianapolis Coin Club Meeting.**

**Open** – The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Club President, Donn Wray. 33 people attended. We met at the Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 East 71<sup>st</sup> St.

The **Treasurer's report** and the **Secretary's report** were accepted as published in the Planchet.

**Visitors** – Dave Mason, a friend of Shannon Sharp, introduced himself and brought an over-struck 1963-D Cent to show.

**Election of Officers and Board Members** – The Secretary, Chairman of the Election Committee, announced that every office had only one nominee, and called for a motion to elect the slate unanimously. Karl Kreck so moved and Richard Rippel seconded. Motion passed.

**Old Business** – A progress report on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals was given by the Medals Committee Chairman, Vinton Dove. The Board voted to sell the Silver Medals for \$40.00 each, and the Bronze Medals for \$10.00 each. A set of both coins will cost \$50.00, and all medals will be sold in boxes. The Board decided to make 50 Silver and 150 Bronze medals. Medals will be available to be picked up at the January meeting. (Bring your checkbook!)

**New Business** – Kills! Mike White showed a new \$100 bill. Treasurer, Mark Eberhardt said he purchased 21 Morgan silver dollars for \$20 each. (The price is falling!)

Past President, Jim Roehrdanz, announced that the Club's annual Banquet would be held at the MCL Cafeteria on 62<sup>nd</sup> street, west of Keystone Avenue, at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Club member, Alison Brown asked if anyone could loan her a metal detector for a few hours so she could find the well at her home.

The **Attendance Drawing (Door Prize)** – An 1831 Half Dollar was won by Alison Brown.

**The Educational Program** – The program was given by President, Donn Wray, and was titled "Collecting Small Size Type US Currency." He had an impressive display of bills, and a very authoritative presentation. Unfortunately, the information was way beyond the Secretary's ability to comprehend. Suffice it to say Donn gave another excellent program!

After the **Break**, the **50/50 Drawing** was run by Bob Bettcher.

**Auction** – Joe Boling ran the auction. Assisting were Bob Bettcher, Vinton Dove and Jim Roehrdanz.

The meeting was **Adjourned** at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Vinton Dove, Secretary

**Indianapolis Coin Club, Inc.  
General Ledger for November, 2013**

**Receipts:**

Dues – Regular @ \$12.00 each:	\$120.00
Dues – Junior @ \$5.00 each:	\$ 5.00
Advertising – Planchet @ \$35.00 each:	
Fifty/Fifty Drawing:	\$28.00
Interest – CD’s – 1 <sup>st</sup> Merchant Bank:	
Donations – Auction & Others:	\$ 2.00
ICC Library Books Sold:	
Auction Lots Sheets @ \$1.00 per Sheet:	\$ 6.00
Amazon.com:	

**Total Receipts: \$161.00**

**Disbursements:**

Dues – ANA:	
Insurance – Liability:	
Insurance – Treasurer’s Bond:	
Computer Website Mainance:	
Mail Box Rental:	
Office Supplies:	
Envelopes:	
Postage:	\$92.00
Supplies (Paper, ect.):	
K of C Meeting Room Rental:	\$50.00
Exhibitors Night Prizes:	
Printing:	
Postage:	
Paper/Ink Cartridges:	
Software:	
Envelopes:	
Club Functions / Promotions:	
Christmas Banquet:	
Coin Week – April:	
Youth Educational Projects:	
ISNA Table Setup:	
2014 ICC Medal (75 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.):	

**Total Disbursements: \$142.00**

**Net Gain or Loss for Month: \$ 19.00**

**Check Book:**

<b>Starting Balance:</b>	<b>\$5,246.34</b>
<b>Cash/Check In:</b>	<b>\$ 161.00</b>
<b>Checks Out:</b>	<b>(\$ 142.00)</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$5,265.34</b>

**Indianapolis Coin Club, Inc.  
General Ledger for December, 2013**

**Receipts:**

Dues – Regular @ \$12.00 each:	\$0.00
Dues – Junior @ \$5.00 each:	\$0.00
Advertising – Planchet @ \$35.00 each:	
Fifty/Fifty Drawing:	\$0.00
Interest – CD’s – 1 <sup>st</sup> Merchant Bank:	
Donations – Auction & Others:	\$ 0.00
ICC Library Books Sold:	
Auction Lots Sheets @ \$1.00 per Sheet:	\$0.00
Amazon.com:	

**Total Receipts: \$0.00**

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Dues – ANA:	
Insurance – Liability:	
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Computer Website Mainance:	
Mail Box Rental:	
Office Supplies:	
Envelopes:	
Postage:	
Supplies (Paper, ect.):	
K of C Meeting Room Rental:	
Exhibitors Night Prizes:	\$250.00
Printing:	
Postage:	
Paper/Ink Cartridges:	
Software:	
Envelopes:	
Club Functions / Promotions:	
Christmas Banquet:	
Coin Week – April:	
Youth Educational Projects:	
ISNA Table Setup:	
2014 ICC Medal (75 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.):	

**Total Disbursements: \$350.00**

**Net Gain or Loss for Month: \$350.00**

**Check Book:**

<b>Starting Balance:</b>	<b>\$5,265.34</b>
<b>Cash/Check In:</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Checks Out:</b>	<b>(\$ 350.00)</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$4,915.34</b>

## A Few Words From Your President

Greetings fellow club members,

I'd like to start off by wishing you all a Happy New Year!

As we begin 2014 I have a few items I'd like to update you all on as the Indianapolis Coin Club prepares to celebrate its 75th Year in existence. Please bear with me - I'll try to be brief.

First and foremost I wish to bid a fond farewell to a good friend and fellow ICC member Mr. David Reid who passed away rather suddenly on Sunday, January 12th at 2:30 p.m. As many of you know, Dave had surgery not long ago to remove a tumor. Although he was weak after his surgery all seemed well for a few months and it appeared he had won his battle against cancer. Unfortunately it returned and took Dave's life rather quickly. I will ask that we observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Dave at our meeting on Monday. The ICC Board of Directors has discussed honoring Dave in some way and we've had several excellent suggestions. We can discuss this as a group at our meeting so if you have a suggestion we'd like to hear it then.

On a brighter note, we already have some exciting things happening in the very first month of 2014. The 75th Anniversary Medals have arrived and they look terrific! Vinton Dove and David Reid served as the committee responsible for making these medals become a reality and they did a splendid job. (I'm very pleased that this is part of Dave's legacy to the club) Please remember to bring your payment for medals you ordered in advance or bring money to the meeting to purchase them on the spot! Vinton will be arriving early on Monday to deliver your medals. I know you will all be very pleased with them.

I am pleased to announce that we had a very productive ICC Budget Meeting on Sunday, January 12th, 2014. 10 of our 13 Board Members/Officers were present and we got a lot of work done. Treasurer Mark Eberhardt had prepared an excellent realistic and simplified rough draft that we discussed and refined. The final version of our 2014 budget will be voted on by the Board right before our Monday meeting so all Board members are asked to please show up at 6:45 p.m. for the vote.

During our budget meeting we also lined up volunteers to give our Educational Programs for 2014 as well as getting commitments from Board Members to provide the monthly Attendance Prizes. I requested, and the Board consented that we continue the Attendance Prize program again this year with one small change. The monthly prize will be AT LEAST a 90% silver Half Dollar or equivalent World Coin. This means that any member who chooses to may donate a more valuable prize if he wishes to do so. This serves as an additional incentive for you to attend our meetings! You may go home with a Morgan Silver Dollar or an American Silver Eagle!

One final thing. I'm issuing you all a challenge to help increase our membership this year. Think about this; if each of you can sign up ONE new member into our club over the course of this year we could double the number of people sitting in that room for each meeting from 35 members to 70! Wouldn't that be great? Think about how awesome our auctions could be! Let's see how many of you will bring someone new into the Indianapolis Coin Club this year.

Thank you everyone for allowing me to serve as your ICC President at this exciting time!

*Michael White*

HAWAII SEQUECENTENNIAL  
HALF DOLLAR 1928

By Michael Schmidt

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After the intrigue of the Oregon Half it is refreshing to come back to a commemorative untouched by scandal. In order to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands, the Hawaiian Territorial Delegate to Congress introduced a bill to strike ten thousand half dollar for the purpose. The money raised from the sale of the coins was to be used to establish a Captain Cook Memorial collection in the Hawaiian Archives. Meeting with no objection the bill was rapidly passed and became the Act of March 7<sup>th</sup> 1928.

The Hawaiian Delegate, Commander Victor Stewart Kaleoloha Houston, was apparently quite sure that his bill would pass because he submitted designs for the coins to the Fine Arts Commission on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1927. This was more than a month before he submitted the authorization bill.

The obverse of the coin has an offset left facing bust of Captain Cook, discoverer of the Sandwich (Hawaiian) Islands, in naval uniform. In front of the bust is the inscription "Capt James Cook Discoverer of Hawaii" in four lines. After the word Capt. is a compass needle pointing north. Above the bust is UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, and below HALF DOLLAR. The denomination is flanked on either side by four triangles or "volcanoes" representing the eight largest islands of the territory. Behind the bust is the motto In God We Trust in two lines. Inside the rim all the way around is a wavy border meant to symbolize the ocean.



The reverse is dominated by a standing Hawaiian warrior with his right arm outstretched. He is standing on a promontory below a palm tree and in the background can be seen Mamala Bay and Waikiki Beach. In the far background below the warrior's arm is Diamond Head. To the left is the motto E Pluribus Unum and below his feet the dates 1778 – 1928. While the figure is typically called merely a warrior, the feather cloak the figure is wearing was only worn by Hawaiian royalty, and the figure is clearly based on the statue of King Kamehameha I at the Royal Palace in Honolulu.

In June of 1928 the Philadelphia mint struck the 10,000 authorized coins. Unlike previous commemorative halves this issue had a group of 50 sandblast proofs made as an official part of the coinage. The next 200 struck were reserved for presentation pieces. These coins, and the balance of 9,750, were shipped to the Captain Cook Sesquicentennial Commission in Honolulu. The Commission appointed the Bank of Hawaii to be the distributor of the coins. Distribution began Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1928. The fifty matte proofs were presented to various VIP's, dignitaries, Governments and Museums. A list of the original recipients does exist. The 200 presentation pieces were given to lesser "important people" but apparently no list was kept of them. The remaining 9,750 coins were split evenly for distribution with 4,975 being reserved for sale on the islands and the other 4,975 for distribution on the mainland. Even at \$2 each the mainland coins were quickly sold out. The island coins may have been a little slower selling because the Bank of Hawaii purchased 1,500 of them for their own accounts, and the remainder was quickly absorbed by the islanders.

The proceeds from the sale were turned over to the commission and were used to form the Cook Memorial collection, which exists to this day in the Hawaiian Archives.

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# **Indianapolis Coin Club**

## ***2014 Meeting Dates & Educational Programs***

- January 27, 2014** - 'TBA' - by Jeff Bercovitz  
*\*Prize sponsor: Michael White*
- February 24, 2014** - 'TBA' - by Jim Fuson  
*\*Prize sponsor: Jeff Bercovitz*
- March 24, 2014** - '19th Century Counterfeit Bank Notes' - by Joseph Boling  
*\*Prize sponsor: Vinton Dove*
- April 28, 2014** - 'TBA' - by Michael White  
*\*Prize sponsor: Bob Bettcher*
- May 19, 2014** - 'TBA' - by Jim Warden  
*\*Prize sponsor: Jim Warden*
- June 23, 2014** - 'TBA' - by Jim Roehrdanz  
*\*Prize sponsor: Jim Roehrdanz*
- July 28, 2014** - 'TBA' - by Paul Vaughn  
*\*Prize sponsor: Paul Vaughn*
- August 25, 2014** - 'TBA' - by Logansport Coin Club Speaker Exchange  
*\*Prize sponsor: Andy Nahrwold*
- September 22, 2014** - I.C.C. Exhibit Night  
*\*Prize sponsor: Donn Wray*
- October 27, 2014** - 'TBA' - by Donn Wray  
*\*Prize sponsor: Jim Fuson*
- November 24, 2014** - 'Annual State of the Hobby Address' -by Mark Eberhardt  
*\*Prize sponsor: Mark Eberhardt*
- December 8, 2014** – NO MEETING - I.C.C. Holiday Banquet

\*For 2014 we are continuing the 'Attendance Prize' drawing at each monthly meeting as an added incentive for all I.C.C. members to attend as many meetings as possible and to encourage new membership. Everyone attending each regular monthly meeting will receive a prize ticket when they arrive at the meeting and sign in at the greeting table. The prize each month will be a 90% silver U.S. Half Dollar (or equivalent or greater 90% silver content coin) The I.C.C. Board members and officers as well as several I.C.C. members chose to act as sponsors and donate the monthly prizes rather than funding them from our budget. You'll find the monthly prize sponsor listed below each monthly meeting date above. You'll just have to show up to see what you may win!

*Please keep this in mind each month; regardless of who is giving the monthly program and/or the topic, we owe it to that person and the membership to **remain quiet and pay attention** during the program. It's important that we respect the knowledge that is being shared with us as well as the time and effort the speaker is donating to our club.*

*The same rules should apply to our monthly auctions; **please remain quiet and pay attention.***

*Thank you.*