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THE MONTHLY PLANCHET

The Indianapolis Coin Club is a non-profit, 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.

2002 Budget

INCOME		NOTES
Dues-members	800.00	76 + juniors
Donations	100.00	
Other-book sales	100.00	
Ads-newsletter	100.00	
Banquet tickets	300.00	
Interest:		
CD-5th/3rd(3000.00)	130.00	est.12 mos
CD-5th/3rd(1,500.00)	40.00	new CD
CD-EdJones(14,000.00)	896.00	actual
Checking-5th/3rd	0.00	
Coin Show-2002	1,400.00	
TOTAL INCOME	3,866.00	
EXPENSES		
Accounting	0.00	tax returns
Ads/Promotion (Qtrs)	250.00	
Banquet	500.00	
Coin Week	100.00	
Rent(Indpls Library)	0.00	
Dues-ANA	33.00	
Education	77.00	
Ins-Treasurer bond	100.00	due in Dec.
Insurance-Liability	300.00	
Internet	25.00	
Misc/contingency	100.00	
Newsletter	800.00	
Refreshments	200.00	
Rent-mailbox	90.00	
State License	10.00	
Summer social-picnic	100.00	
Supplies	100.00	
Traveling Coin Display	0.00	
Coin Show	1,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,605.00	
PROJECTED NET INCOME	81.00	

Officers:

President: Jim Luckey
 Vice President: Mike Suit
 Secretary: Allen Dove
 Treasurer: John Phillips
 Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Warden
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Our next meetings are scheduled for **TUESDAY, February 26,** and **WEDNESDAY, March 27 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

Our January meeting had better attendance because it was on a Monday. I will make a superior effort to have next year's meetings on Mondays. The attending members were in agreement to cut back the refreshments to cookies, donuts, soft drinks, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. This was necessary to keep our expenditures within our budget. It was left open that additional refreshments could be provided by members at their own expense.

John Phillips, our coin show chairman, requested help from members to support the coin show. He needs assistance moving the coin displays in and out and giving service to the coin dealers. He also handed out raffle tickets for the door prizes. The tickets are \$1.00 apiece. If you don't have yours, they can be secured from Cos Raimondi or Jim Luckey. The success of the show depends on you, the members, selling tickets. The February meeting is Tuesday, Feb.26th. Please make an effort to attend.

- Jim Luckey



Treasurer's Report

INCOME

Coin Show

Tables	\$735.00
Raffle	10.00
Banquet	20.00
Dues	267.00

Total Income \$1032.00

EXPENSES

Newsletter

Postage	\$34.00
Envelopes	27.29
Printing	11.03

Coin Show

Advertising (Coin World)	40.00
Deposit (Ramada Inn)	200.00
State Quarters	22.00
Refreshments	4.50

Total Expenses \$338.82

Net Income \$693.18

Balance in Checking , 1-31-02 -- \$3392.43



Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order by our president, Jim Luckey. The total attendance was 39.

The Treasurer and Secretary's reports were read.

The new budget will be in the next (this) newsletter. There will be a 50/50 drawing next month. Remember to sell tickets for the ICC show. Please arrive at the show early (8am) for set-up, or stay late (4pm) for tear-down. There have been 23 tables sold so far.

After the break, Jim Luckey, ICC President, announced the winner in the newsletter puzzle challenge - Lou Coppinger. There were four correct entries.

Mike Suit was this month's speaker. His subject was "Topical Collecting." He discussed how to begin collecting and gave some examples of what to collect. He displayed some of his "animal" coins.

During the April meeting, we will be conducting the first of the coin auctions.

- Allen Dove

Puzzle Page

This month's puzzle format is like last month's, due to popular demand - 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!



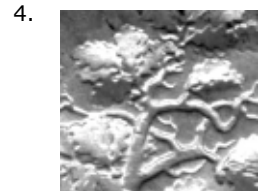
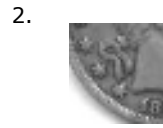
Coin World Trivia:

1. What Kentucky man born in 1809 appears on a 1923 \$5 silver certificate?
2. How does the rotated hub form of a doubled die occur?
3. A Federal Reserve note with plate position code D2 comes from where on a sheet?
4. What was the grade of a Class III 1804 dollar which brought \$400,000 at auction?

(answers elsewhere in this issue)

January Puzzle Solution

1. U.S. Twenty Dollar Gold Piece
2. Three-cent Piece (Nickel)
3. Eisenhower Dollar Reverse, Bicentennial Issue
4. Franklin Half Dollar
5. Half Dime
6. Indian Head Cent
7. Walking Liberty Half Dollar
8. 1920 Pilgrim Tercentenary Commemorative Half Dollar



Lou Coppinger was the winner of the January puzzle contest. Yay, Lou!



Comer

John Maag's

Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Prussian Commemorative Coins (final installment)

The other event of 1913 was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession of Wilhelm II as Kaiser. The coins depict Wilhelm II in the uniform of the Garde Du Corps, with the chain of the order of the Black Eagle around him. Under the portrait is a laurel branch with the dates 1888-1913, while the reverse of the coin shows the standard imperial eagle reverse. Unlike the five mark and two mark of 1901, which shows Wilhelm II wearing the helmet of the Garde Du Corps, he is bareheaded on these coins. Wilhelm evidently liked this particular design, because regular issue coins of 1913, 1914, and 1915 - two mark, five mark, and twenty mark (gold) coins - all show a very similar design. Mintage of the two mark 1913 was 1,500,000 and the three mark was 2,000,000. The final commemorative coin issue was for the centennial of the annexation of Mansfeld in 1915. Although "mining thalers" had been struck as far back as 1811 under Hieronymous Napoleon (when he was king of Westphalia), as well as in the early 19th century under Friedrich Wilhelm III and up to the 1860's, under Friedrich Wilhelm IV and Wilhelm I, no special issues had been made until these issues of 1913 and 1915.

A three mark coin was also issued in 1915, with a mintage of only 30,000. However, this coin is quite scarce compared to other Prussian issues, due to the war and the probable melting of many of them. It is

one of the most attractive coins, showing the design of Saint George and the Dragon, a theme found on County of Mansfeld issues as far back as the 1500's. The obverse features the slogan "Bei Gott Ist Rat Und Tat" (with God's counsel), and "Segen Des Mansfelder Bergbauss" (blessings of the Mansfeld mines), while the reverse depicts yet another modernistic imperial eagle. The County of Mansfeld was originally divided between Prussia and Saxony in 1780, with the death of the male lineage of the rulers of that state. The Prussian sector was annexed to the Napoleonic state of Westphalia in 1807, and the Saxon sector was annexed the following year. In 1813, Prussia reclaimed their territory, and in 1815, was awarded the Saxon territory at the Congress of Vienna.

A planned commemorative for the centennial of the birth of Otto Von Bismarck (1915), with a projected mintage of 9,000,000 never took place, due to the war and lack of silver for the coins. In fact, save for half mark issues which continued all the way into the post-war era of 1919, all silver coinage ceased in 1916, although some of the states issued some sporadic commemoratives in 1916, 1917, and 1918. These coins are all extremely rare. The Prussian series "officially" ended with the Mansfeld coin.

Although themes related to Prussian history have appeared on coins during the Weimar Republic (1918-1933), and during the post-war German republics (the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Democratic Republic {both founded in 1949}, and the unified German Federal Republic {which began in 1990 with the end of the post-war division of Europe}), Prussia itself ceased to exist as a result of the Allies' decision. The Allies felt that, because of the identification of Prussia with German militarism, the state should be eliminated, with the constituent sections being either awarded to Poland and Russia, or with the creation of "new" provinces, such as

Brandenburg and Lower Saxony. In 1945, the core of the old Prussian state, the province of East Prussia and the coronation city of Koenigsberg, was divided between Russia and Poland. The city of Koenigsberg is now named after a Soviet era leader as Kaliningrad.

Silesia and Pomerania were essentially given to Poland, although fragments beyond the Oder Neisse Line are still German. This was the result of Stalin's demand for eastern Poland, which he had seized in 1939 in alliance with Germany, and an idea that Poland ought to be "compensated" for their lost lands in the east with German lands, which would also absorb the Poles expelled from the eastern provinces after the expulsion of the Germans in the post-1945 era. Additionally, since the Russian portion of the former East Prussia is now separated from the rest of the Russian federation with the newly independent Baltic states and Poland, accessible only by sea, there has been discussion that a cash-strapped Russia might actually sell it to Germany. This is in spite of the fact that there is no longer any German population there, and Poland, which holds a goodly portion of the former German territories, would prefer that Germany stay behind the current boundaries.

Even though Prussia no longer exists, it is evident that there are many memories of the old Prussian state reflected in the coins of the past and present.



1888-1913 Wilhelm II commemorative



KID'S CORNER



Punching Out the Coins

When people first began using money-about 2,500 years ago-coins were little more than lumps of metal stamped with a design. Eventually, coin makers learned to "cast" coins by pouring melted metal into a mold. Later on, coins were cut out of metal sheets with shears.

How did people get the coins to come out in perfect circles way back then? They didn't! Though many coins were rounded, other shapes were made as well.

Coins Shaped Like Knives

Ancient Chinese money was shaped like hoes, knives...even miniature shirts. Japanese coins were oblong in the 16th and 17th centuries. And about a hundred years later, people in Sweden paid for things with huge copper rectangles that measured up to 2 feet long and weighed 45 pounds!

Metal Strips Longer Than Football Fields

Today, machines called blanking presses punch U.S. coins out of strips of metal that are about 13 inches wide and 1,500 feet long-five times as long as a football field. The round disks that are punched out are called "planchets" or "blanks."

Winter Olympics

B P D C W W Y M T Z P D S B L
 C G M D K X T T N C M P G I K
 R A B U H L K T R M E I N A L
 O W L L J L U G E E G C I T K
 S G G P H I V G D M N E D H Y
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 C L P N K N K S K B L A A O L
 O L L J T A E Y F D R N O N Q
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- ALPINE SKIING
- BIATHLON
- BOBSLED
- CROSS COUNTRY
- CURLING
- DOWNHILL
- FIGURE SKATING
- ICE DANCING
- LUGE
- SKI JUMP
- SNOWBOARDING
- SPEED SKATING



2002 Olympic Winter Games Commemorative Coins

Authorized by Congress under Public Law 106-435 the U.S. Mint will issue two commemorative coins to support the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each coin -- \$35 for gold and \$10 for silver-- is authorized to help support the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games.

The gold five-dollar is the design of U.S. Mint sculptor/engraver Donna Weaver. The obverse of this coin features the 2002 Salt Lake Olympic Winter Games Crystal Emblem superimposed on top of the Games' secondary identity mark entitled: "Rhythm of the Land." The reverse portrays the Olympic flame in relief atop a cauldron.

The silver dollar obverse is the design of U.S. Mint sculptor/engraver John Mercanti. It features the Crystal Emblem of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, Olympic Rings, and the Games' secondary identity mark

entitled: "Rhythm of the Land." The designer of the reverse is U.S. Mint sculptor/engraver Donna Weaver and portrays Salt Lake City skyline with the Rocky Mountains in the background.

Metal composition of the coins is as follows:

Gold five-dollar; 90% gold and 10% alloy, diameter is 0.850 (± 0.003) inch or 21.59 (± 0.08) mm and the weight is 8.359 (± 0.42) grams.

Silver one-dollar; 90% silver and 10% alloy, diameter is 1.500 (± 0.003) inches or 38.10 (± 0.08) mm and the weight is 26.730 (± 0.400) grams.

These coins may be ordered in both proof and uncirculated condition and with various packaging options at different prices. An official Certificate of Authenticity accompanies each option.



Coin World Trivia Answers: 1. Abraham Lincoln 2. When there is a turning or rotation of the second impression from the first during hubbing 3. Lower left-hand side 4. Extremely Fine 40.

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This month's educational program will be presented by Vinton Dove.
 He will speak on the topic of Mercury Dimes.
 Don't miss it!