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**INDIANAPOLIS
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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, APRIL 28TH, 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:

***“Counterfeits and Countermeasures”* by Michael White**

Next Months Meeting Date & Program:

Monday, May 19th, 2014, at 7 pm.

“TBA” by Jim Warden

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

More information can be found on the Indianapolis Coin Club's website at:

<http://www.indianapoliscoinclub.org/>

'A Few Words From Your President'

Greetings fellow I.C.C. members,

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, which is this Monday, April 28th.

I also want to remind you all that if you would like to purchase our Indianapolis Coin Club 75th Anniversary medals from now on you will have to contact Vinton Dove to arrange your purchase in advance. He will not be bringing them to the meetings from this point forward. His phone number is (317) 910-4205 and is also listed in this publication in his ad so call him ASAP if you want to order for delivery at our meeting. Pricing is as follows: The silver & bronze 2-medal set (with matching numbers) in capsules and 2-coin presentation box is only \$50.00. The silver or bronze medals may also be purchased separately w/capsule & single coin box and are priced at \$40.00 for the silver and \$10.00 for the bronze. These are a wonderful Indianapolis Coin Club keepsakes and are beautiful so get them while they last!

I want to mention again that **National Coin Week** is going on right now (**April 20th thru 26th**). I hope you will all look through your "junk boxes" and pull out some "rarely seen" coins and/or currency to circulate. Have some fun with it and maybe, just maybe, you'll spark some interest in someone who finds something "odd" in their pocket change and you'll inspire them to start collecting.

Also, the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) show is this weekend (**April 23rd thru 26th**) at the Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center in Schaumburg, Illinois. The CSNS was established in 1939 - the same year the Indianapolis Coin Club was established, so this is their 75th Anniversary celebration as well. I'm still unsure whether I will be making the trip this year but I'm sure some of you will be attending that show so I'm looking forward to hearing some reviews from those who do.

This month's Educational Program is entitled: **"Counterfeits & Countermeasures" by Michael White**. (Yes, that's me...lol) I will be reviewing some information on counterfeiting that I've presented in the past for the benefit of anyone who might have missed it and also expanding on some new and rather disturbing counterfeiting techniques and examples that could shake the hobby to its foundation. I'll also be showing you some hi-tech countermeasure that some companies on the "cutting edge" of technology are using in their anti-counterfeiting fight. I hope you'll be able to attend and will find the information useful in making good (and safe) choices while collecting.

Speaking of Educational Programs, I am calling on the rest of you who are scheduled to give a presentation this year to contact Andy (our newsletter Editor) by the end of next month and give him the topic of your program so he can complete the Educational Programs calendar that appears on the last page of the this newsletter.

Here's your final bit of motivation to attend Monday's meeting; the Monthly Attendance Prize! This month's sponsor is I.C.C. Board Member Bob Bettcher. Bob hasn't revealed to me what he's providing as a prize. **Everyone** present at the meeting receives a FREE chance to win it so please show up to see what he's donated for the drawing. You could go home with a freebie!

Thanks for electing me to serve as your President for this very exciting 75th Anniversary year!

Michael White

From the Editor

As Club President Michael White noted, we are in the middle of National Coin Week (April 20 - April 26). In the past, we have used this time as an opportunity to reintroduce interesting coinage into circulation, in an effort to bring attention to coin collecting. Personally, I have been spending half dollars and gold dollars, and have actually struck up some interesting conversations in doing so. I encourage everyone to join in!

Highlights from last month's auction:

- A 1924 Peace dollar in XF condition sold for \$25.
- A 1934 Peace dollar in XF condition listed for \$45, but did not sell.
- An uncirculated 1954-S Washington quarter sold for \$9.
- A roll of circulated 1920's wheat cents sold for \$7.50.
- A 1957 silver certificate star note in very good condition sold for \$5.\

In the auction coming up March 24th:

- No items were submitted this month by publication time.

Remember, if you plan to place items for auction at the following meeting, send the details to andrusrex@gmail.com by the third Monday of the month and I will publish them as space permits.

If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter or the club, please feel free to email me at andrusrex@gmail.com. I'll do my best to answer you or pass it along to someone who can.

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to purchase a small coin collection. Included in the collection was an 1878-J German 20 Mark gold coin. Alas, we were unable to agree to a price, so he kept it, but in doing my research on the coin I found some interesting facts.

The coin is 90% gold, and weighed 7.965 grams, for a total gold content of 0.2304 troy ounces. Total mintage was 1,723,000. The obverse shows a helmeted coat of arms, supported by lions, with the words FREIE UND HANSESTADT HAMBURG (Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg). The reverse shows the crowned imperial eagle, with the words DEUTSCHES REICH 1876 and 20 MARK.



Hamburg is the second largest city in Germany, located 75 miles from the North Sea. Rumored to be founded by Charlemagne, Hamburg was granted the status of an Imperial Free City by Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I in 1189. This status gave the city considerable autonomy and helped to increase trade. In 1241 Hamburg joined with Lübeck to start the Hanseatic League, which was a commercial and defensive confederation of merchant guilds and their market towns that dominated trade along the coast of Northern Europe. These Hanseatic cities had their own legal system and furnished their own armies for mutual protection and aid. Other cities included Berlin, Stockholm, Antwerp, Gdańsk, and London.

Hamburg has a rich history of minting coins. In 1293, Count Adolph VI of Shauenberg leased the mint right to the city, and coins have been struck in an almost unbroken series for more than 600 years, up to World War I.

I find that I am continually amazed at the amount of history that can be dug up, starting with a single coin. I started looking up the basic information for one coin, and got diverted again and again

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Indianapolis Coin Club

General Ledger for Mar. 2014

Receipts:

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| Dues – Regular @ \$12.00 ea. | \$ 48.00 |
| Dues – Juniors @ \$5.00 ea. | |
| Advertising – Planchet @ \$35.00 ea. | |
| Fifty/Fifty Drawing: | \$ 41.00 |
| Interest – CD’s – 1 Merchant Bank: | |
| Donations – Auction Lot Sales | \$ 16.00 |
| ICC Library Books Sold: | |
| Auction Lot Sheets @ \$1.00: | \$ 7.00 |
| Sales of Medals: | |
| Silver @ \$40.00 each: 29 Left | \$320.00 |
| Bronze @ \$10.00 each: 103 Left | \$ 90.00 |
| Amazon.com: | |
| Postage Collected Newsletter: | \$ 6.00 |

Total Receipts: \$528.00

Disbursements:

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| Insurance – Liability: | |
| Insurance – Treasurer’s Bond: | |
| Computer Website: | |
| Mail Box Retail: | \$ 58.00 |
| Office Supplies: | |
| - New Checks: | |
| Postage: | |
| K of C Meeting Room Rent: | \$ 50.00 |
| Exhibitors Night Prizes: | |
| Newsletter: | |
| Library Fund: | |
| Club Functions / Promotions: | |
| 75 th Anniv. Medals: | |
| Youth Projects: | |
| External Displays: | |
| ISNA Table: | |

Total Disbursements: \$108.00

Net Gain / Loss: \$420.00

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| Checkbook: | |
| Starting Balance: | \$2428.23 |
| Total Receipts: | \$ 528.00 |
| Total Disbursements: | \$ 180.00 |
| Ending Balance: | \$2848.23 |

March 24, 2014 – Minutes of the Indianapolis Coin Club Meeting

OPEN – The meeting was called to order by Club President, Mike White at 7:13 PM. 33 people signed the attendance book. We met at the regular place, the Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 East 71st Street.

VISITORS – None.

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

Committees – 75th Anniversary Medals committee chairman, Vinton Dove, announced that he would only be bringing the subscribed medals which had not yet been picked up and a few of the unsubscribed medals to Club meetings from now on. Most have been picked up already. If anyone wants a specific numbered medal set, they should call Vinton to have them available, or they can pick them up from him at another time. Call 257-1906. Editor, Andy Nahrwold, commented on Joe Boling's letter to the Director of the US Mint. Club Vice President, Jeff Bercoitz, said he had received "bad" (poor quality) coins from the mint, and the service from the mint was so bad that he never got one of the coins he had ordered, but he did receive one coin he did not order!

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – Mike reminded the Club that April 20-26 is National Coin Week. Jim Roehrdanz reported that he had seen 100 wheat cents advertised for \$29.95! (That is 30 cents apiece!!! The Secretary reminded the members that the Central States Show will be April 24 to 26 in Shaumburg, IL. He asked if anyone wanted to go there on the 24th and return the 25th, but had no takers. **Kill Reports** – Mike White purchased an 1893 Uruguay silver Peso, NGC XF Details, harshly cleaned, for \$85.00. He also obtained 1, 2, 5, 20, 50 and 100 Peso Phillipine Series 1949 Specimen notes in UNC condition. The serial number on the 1 Peso is all zeros and the 2 and 5 Peso notes have identical serial numbers! Since he already had the 10 Peso Specimens (3 notes) he just needs 200 and 500 Peso Specimens to complete his type set. He said that his next project will be a complete signature set.

After the **BREAK**, the **Attendance Drawing** was done by Bob Bettcher. The **50/50 Drawing** was also done by Bob.

The **EDUCATION PROGRAM** "19th Century Counterfeit National Bank Notes" was presented by Joe Boling. It was fascinating, and was presented so well that even the Secretary was able to follow. Joe made a slide presentation and had examples to view.

AUCTION – Joe Boling ran the auction. There were only 35 lots. The Club was **adjourned** about 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Vinton Dove, Secretary.

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Indianapolis Coin Club

2014 Meeting Dates & Educational Programs

January 27, 2014 - '1916 Indiana Centennial Medal' - by Jeff Bercovitz

**Prize sponsor: Michael White*

February 24, 2014 - 'Evaluating and Selling the Crop: Thoughts on Numismatic Appraisals and Tax Aspects' - by Donn Wray

**Prize sponsor: Jeff Bercovitz*

March 24, 2014 - '19th Century Counterfeit National Bank Notes' - by Joseph E. Boling

**Prize sponsor: Vinton Dove*

April 28, 2014 - 'Counterfeits and Countermeasures' - 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

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July 28, 2014 - 'TBA' - by Paul Vaughn

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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.