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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,  
May 22, 2006!**

## **2006 Indianapolis Summer Social**

The 2006 ICC Summer Social will be held on Saturday July 8th at Hummel Park in Plainfield from Noon until 4pm. We have had our Summer Social in this location in years past with much success. The ICC will provide the following: Meat and Cheese tray, Sandwich buns, condiments, and drinks. Each member will be responsible for their own plates, cups, utensils, and a covered dish. There will be a sign up sheet at the May and June meetings so we can get an accurate number for attendance. If you have any suggestions on games or entertainment, please notify Amy Eberhardt.

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# The Variety Side

by Jim Brown

This month I will be writing about varieties that are of the fraudulent nature. These are coins that have been intentionally altered with the intent to defraud someone. It is not illegal to alter a coin; it is only illegal when it is done with the intent to defraud. As most of us know, this happens far too often. The tips that I will be giving here are by no means exhaustive, but if they will help just one person to not buy an altered coin, it will be worth my while.

Grading services report that the most often encountered altered coin at shows presently is the 1916-D Mercury dime. The U.S. coin that has the highest number of alterations is the Lincoln Cent.

The 1916-D Mercury dime, in a decent condition, has long been recognized as one that will cost about an average worker's weekly wage. It has long been looked at as the key to the set. As such, it has certainly attracted the attention of counterfeiters. Sometimes they take a D off a common date Mercury and put it on a 1916 Philadelphia issue. Sometimes they take a 1916 S dime and tool the "S" Mint mark. Sometimes they take a 1916 obverse, and mate it with a common date Denver mint reverse after they have cut the two coins in half. There have even been some struck counterfeits made by the more skillful counterfeiters. One of the three major grading services say that about 75 % of all 1916-D Mercury dimes submitted for authentication and grading are fake.

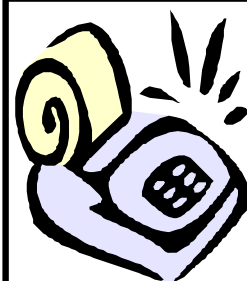
There were 264,000 1916 dimes made in Denver. Four different reverse dies were used. The D Mint mark was punched into the dies by hand, using a hammer and punch. Because of this, all four of the reverse dies are different. Die #1 has the Mint mark up high, very near to the leaf. On Die #2, the Mint mark is a repunched D over D North. It is about medium high, near the leaf. Die #3 is also a repunched Mint mark, lower, farther from the leaf. Die #4 is the lowest of the four dies,

furthest from the leaf.

In 1916, only the small D punch was used. This Mint mark is distinctive. The top and bottom notches stick out and must be parallel to one another. In 1917, both the large and small D punch was used.

Another alteration I want to mention is the 1932-D Washington quarter. The genuine Mint marks on these will usually have the appearance that they are sitting in a hole, or that they are smeared or have machine doubling. If the Mint mark is clear and crisp, or has the appearance that it has been typed on with a typewriter, beware! Also, watch for added D Mint marks on high grade 1936-D Washingtons.

One last tip - beware of fake clips on the new Statehood Quarters, and the Sacagawea Dollars!



## Treasurer's Report April 2006

Income: None

Expenses:

	Newsletter Printing	
\$12.02		
Newsletter Postage		\$20.67
Nebraska D Quarters		\$13.50
Annual Registration to Indiana Sec. of State for ICC		<u>\$17.34</u>
		\$53.53
March Checkbook Balance		\$2,899.33
April Checkbook Balance		\$2,835.80

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Kreck - Treasurer



## Secretary's Report April 24, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Mark Eberhardt. Junior member Kurt Tyra's father was introduced as the visitor for the evening.

The Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report were read and accepted.

Under old business, Dr. Robert Gerth reported that he and Jim Luckey manned a table at the Children's Museum April 18, 19, and 20 for National Coin Week. He said they handed out 2005 Buffalo Nickels and Nevada statehood quarters from the Club and the Indiana State Numismatic Association. He estimated that about one thousand children were at the Museum during those days.

Doc also announced that he was preparing a sesquicentennial exhibit for display at the museum and local public libraries during the week of July fourth. The exhibit will include a history of the Cent, a statehood quarter display and miniature replicas of the United States Mint buildings. He also said that he was preparing a miniature of the mint building, which served in the Philippines during the 1930's. He said that the public schools would allow displays or presentations if they were scheduled during the summer for the following school year. Most of the public libraries have display areas which can be scheduled for use by the Club.

Under "Show and Tell," Past President Vinton Dove displayed an uncirculated set of Jefferson Nickels dating from 1938 through 1964. He suggested that it is a good time for any collector who might want one to buy one, since the price is only about \$150.00. He was quickly corrected by several of the members, who quoted prices in the \$225.00 range.

Under new business, Mark announced that the Summer Social Committee wanted a show of hands to see how many members would come to the event. Several hands were raised.

Mark asked any members who wanted to have the newsletter be emailed to them to contact the editor,

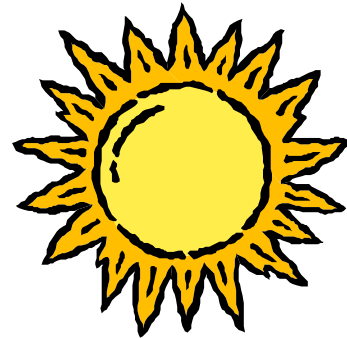
Amy Eberhardt. He also asked for articles to be published in the newsletter to be sent to Amy.

Director, Charles Alber, presented the Educational Program. His topic was the coins and tokens of Mardi Gras. From its beginning in 1718, through the introduction of Voo Doo in 1803, Charles followed the development of the celebration and the use of tokens through the current time. He had a large collection of Mardi Gras tokens to display and his presentation was very interesting.

After the break, President Eberhardt ran a spirited auction. Most of the lots sold, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vinton Dove



**EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAM FOR MAY:**

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**DAVE REID**

## Central States Show -

by Vinton Dove, Past President

The Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) held their 67th Anniversary Convention and Coin Show at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio from April 26th through April 29th. The show was open to the public on Thursday afternoon, Friday and Saturday. At least two ICC members went to the show. This is their story.

It was shortly after 7:00am on a beautiful Friday morning, April 28, when Bob Bettcher and I departed for Columbus Ohio to attend the CSNS Coin Show. The weather was beautiful, the company was pleasant and we arrived at the show shortly after it opened at 10:00am. The facility was spacious, the parking was close by and inexpensive and the people from CSNS were friendly.

ANA Governor Patti Finner, who is a former member of ICC greeted us. She always has a big smile and kind words to share with all she meets. The registration procedure was quick and painless. As we entered the Bourse floor, I was impressed at how large the hall was. I think it was even bigger than the Indiana Convention Center. We stopped at several booths and I was able to purchase a 2007 Red Book. Several of the Grading services rented booth space at the entrance to the hall and Bob and I stopped to talk to the ICG people. Then we began "inspecting" the coins. As I expected, the show had just about every kind of coin imaginable, from Half Cents to \$50.00 Gold pieces. There were several dealers with foreign coins, too.

We visited fellow ICC members Larry and Anna Hylton who had rented booth space. I was able to purchase a long sought-after MS-63 Barber Half Dollar from them, which completed my 20th Century Type Set of U.S. Coins. It was quite exciting for me, since I had been working on the set since 1972. I plan to display it at the Exhibitor's night this year at our club. Larry and Anna have advertised in the ICC newsletter for several years.

We also found another friend of ICC in Orv Detrick (ROMA Coin) who had rented booth space. Orv is also an advertiser of many years in our newsletter. I was able to find something I couldn't do without at Orv's table, too.

We lunched at the snack bar, then viewed the exhibits. I was impressed by a display of U.S. Half Dimes, which I think was complete. Several of the coins were in Mint State, and it was an attractive Set.

At 3:30pm we left for home. It was a great show and Bob and I both had a marvelous time.

## Traveling Salesman Joke

There's a traveling salesman, on one fine day he stops by a large retail chain to peddle his wares. To his surprise the chain buys everything he has to offer. He then returns to his head office with the store's check in hand, and he receives a very large commission check. Now it seems that his lifelong dream to finish his mint state Mercury Dime collection can be realized. The next week he is traveling through a small town with only a single coin dealer, he goes into the shop and asks if the owner has a 1916-D Mercury Dime. The shop keeper does have one (and only one). He goes into the back while the salesman is looking around and gets from the safe a spectacular, toned 1916-D. He shows the gem of a coin to the salesman, the sun coming in through the window radiates all the colors of the rainbow off the coin, the salesman is impressed. He asks the proprietor of the shop if he might have one that is not toned. The owner says he has another one in the back. He takes the coin from the salesman and slips into the back of the store and takes out his coin dip and dips the coin. It is now quite a nice blazing white BU. He brings this out to show the salesman. The salesman really likes the coin and mentions that he has had a good week lately and says "Great, I'll take both of them."

Guntram Weisbrich

## Coin Trivia

Q. When did E PLURIBUS UNUM first appear on a coin?

A. 1795 Cap Heraldic Eagle - Gold Half Eagle.