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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 \$10.00 per year, junior membership dues are \$5.00 per year.

Summer Social Cancelled Due to Lack of Interest

Enjoy the Second Sunday Show. Only four people signed up for the picnic! Maybe we can reschedule. Sorry.

From the Editor

After serving your club as editor/webmaster for the last year and a half, I thought that the membership in general was happy with the job I had been doing. I have recently been made aware, though somewhat indirectly, that there have been complaints regarding the suitability of the content of website links that are navigable from the Indianapolis Coin Club's website. In my judgement, I didn't believe that anything linked to our site by me was morally or ethically irresponsible, and if this is truly the case, please accept my apologies.

I joined this club for edification, relaxation, and enjoyment of the social aspects related to the club. I

have always maintained that I would be happy to address any problems or questions brought before me directly by anyone who had them. I feel that if you must go behind my back to 'tell' on me to others without coming to me directly, to discuss the situation in a mature and civil manner, then I cannot possibly take care of what is bothering you without feeling some ill will over being unjustly attacked. Let me apologize here to the individuals that I spoke harshly to at the last meeting.

I followed the policies set forth by the board of directors earlier this year when I purchased my advertisement and website link to my website at Compuguyz, my

website design business. On my site are several links to sites I have designed, including a link to a site I designed for a client who wrote a fiction book called, "**Witches Whispers**", a novel that involves some historical and modern-day references to a family that practices witchcraft, as well as a witch-hunter who pursues them. In no way is this a statement to promote the practice of witchcraft by me, or to be implied by the ICC. Your religion, whatever it is, is your business, and no one else's. This is a fiction book, and only that. If this constitutes a violation of club morals or ethics, then so be it. I have removed my ad so as not to offend anyone.

Our next meetings are scheduled for [Monday, June 25, 2001](#), and [TUESDAY, July 24, 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

It seems that more people are entering coin collecting every day, thanks to the Statehood Quarters. With all of the excitement and promotion of new coins, I think we should all stop and review what our individual goals are, concerning what coins we are trying to collect and what our priorities are in getting there. If we do not, we may find that we have spent our coin collecting budget without moving closer to our goals.

I would also like to stop for a minute and point out that John Sementa, Past President and Life Member of the club, has been faithful in his attendance and has contributed to the meetings for about the last forty years. He continues to contribute in such a quiet and inconspicuous way that I am not sure of all the things he does. For instance, he shows up very early for every meeting, sets up the room, and makes the coffee. He stops at the store and picks up the refreshments. He takes care of the attendance register, and is always available to help those people who need it. After the break, he cleans up the food area, and never says a word. I seem to remember that he missed a meeting several years ago, but he called someone and made arrangements to have them perform his duties. He is truly one of the unsung heroes of the club. Thanks, John, from all of us!!

The club seems to be moving in the right direction. Our May speaker, Mr. Bobbie Scroggins, made an excellent presentation. Be sure to



Treasurer's Report

May 2001

INCOME

Dues	\$40.00
J. Cline Book	<u>25.00</u>
Total Income	\$65.00

EXPENDITURES

State Quarter Kits (12)	\$37.67
Picnic (Gazebo Rental)	25.00
Newsletter	18.38
Postage (2 months)	55.08
State Quarters	25.00
Refreshments	<u>35.30</u>
Total Expenses	\$196.43

Net Expenses **\$131.43**

Balance in Checking 6/1/01 **\$3942.60**

attend the June meeting (Monday, June 25,) to hear John Phillips' presentation concerning the grading of coins. He will have a slide show from the ANA.

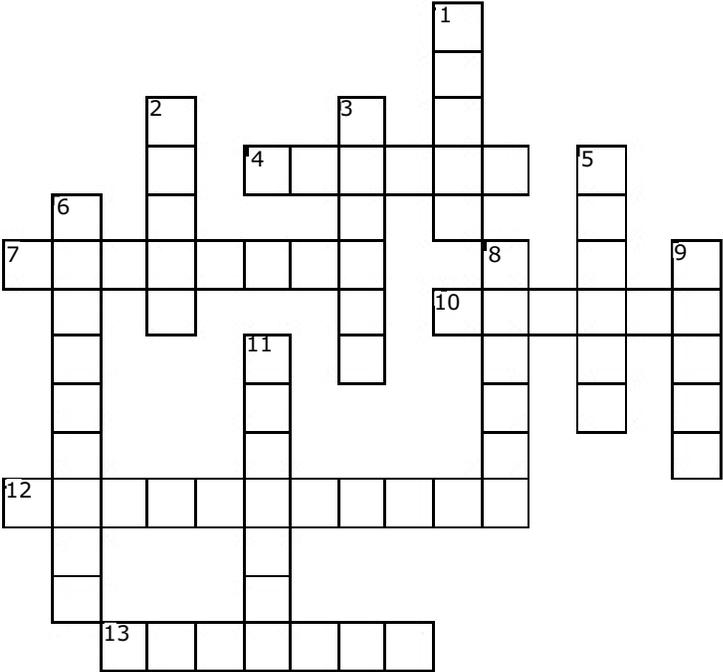
July will be our annual Exhibitors' Night. That is the night when our members are encouraged to bring in and exhibit a part of their collection. Jim Goaziou, Past President and Life Member, will again be in charge of the event.

See you at the meeting!

Vinton Dove

PUZZLE PAGE

This month's puzzle clues were taken from information about all of the statehood quarters issued to date.



Coin World Trivia:

1. What is the name of the alloy made of 925 parts silver with 75 parts copper?
2. Although it produced no coins, what was stamped on bars assayed at Denver in 1863?
3. Which side of modern U.S. paper money is printed first?

(answers found elsewhere in this issue)

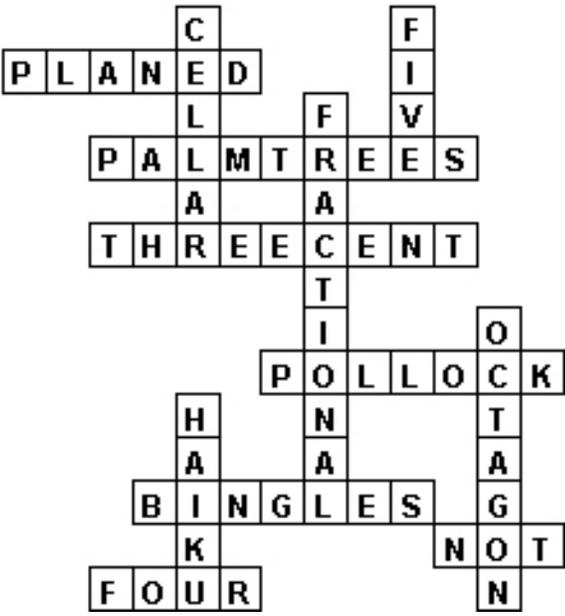
ACROSS

- 4 Charter oak is missing these
- 7 G. Washington's troops fought them
- 10 _____ centennial (VA)
- 12 Motto on NC
- 13 _____ to Freedom (NY)

DOWN

- 1 Two of these architectural features on MD
- 2 Fruit on GA coin
- 3 Mr. Rodney
- 5 One device on RI
- 6 SC state flower, yellow _____
- 8 Minuteman's firearm
- 9 Number of sides on keystone (PA)
- 11 View of "Old Man"'s face (NH)

May Puzzle Solution



The crossword puzzle winner for April was Doc Gerth. We had three correct entries, including Allen Dove and Vinton Dove.

John Maag's Corner

Miklos Zrinyi Commemoratives

Miklos Zrinyi was born in 1508, a member of an old Hungarian noble family. He and a force of 300 Hungarians were besieged at Szigetvar by the Turks under the leadership of Suileman the Magnificent in 1566, when the Turks were planning a siege of Vienna. Zrinyi and his men knew they were outnumbered many times over, yet not one Hungarian went over to the Turks, or betrayed Zrinyi, despite substantial bribes offered by the Turks. Zrinyi and his men died to the last man, yet their sacrifice saved Vienna, as during this siege, Suileman himself died. Zrinyi's heroic defense of Szigetvar and his death were commemorated on 1966 on 25 and 50 forint silver coins, as well as on 100, 500, and 1000 forint gold coins. Count Zrinyi's saga is just one of many examples of Hungarian heroism and courage during the wars against the Turks, but probably the best known.



50 Forint M. Zrinyi Commemorative



25 Forint M. Zrinyi Commemorative



100 Forint Gold Commemorative



1991 Papal Visit Commemorative

In 1991, Pope John Paul II became the first Pope to ever visit Hungary, a visit commemorated on 100 forint and 50 forint silver coins and a 10,000 forint gold coin. This coin is one of the examples of post communist era coinage in which religious themes, so common on Hungarian coins of the past, have again become prominent. The 800th anniversary of the Canonization of King Laszlo, being another "religious" commemorative, was issued in 1992, also. Pope John Paul is shown with the Millennium monument "Heroes Square" in the background. The reverse of the coin shows the traditional Hungarian arms with Saint Stephen's Crown in a style reminiscent of "Regency" (1920-44) coinage. Although Hungary is now a republic and not a monarchy, the crown is used, as it is considered Hungary's greatest national symbol, representing the heritage and independence of the country as well as being a holy relic. Communist era themes and symbols have disappeared from modern Hungarian coins since 1989.



1991 Papal Visit Commemorative





Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order by the President, Vinton Dove, at 7:00 P.M. 40 people attended the meeting. The first announcement was that the directors are still looking for the club's archival material. He then announced that the new Buffalo Dollar was scheduled for release by the US Mint in mid-June. He reported that Brian Fanton, a fellow collector from Iowa, had sent materials which indicated that in Indiana, the sale of numismatic materials are not exempt from Indiana Sales Tax. Brian also sent paperwork to assist anyone desiring to try to convince the legislature to change that situation.

The President then read an article from "Numismatic News" titled "Grading Tips of the Week," concerning luster on coins.

In the absence of the Secretary, the President read the Secretary's Report.

The Treasurer, John Phillips, read the Treasurer's Report.

Visitors were welcomed and the new visitors introduced themselves.

The Bylaws changes were read and voted on. All changes were adopted.

Bill Phillips asked that the re-

vised Constitution and Bylaws be printed and distributed to the members. After a discussion, a motion was passed that they be printed in the newsletter and sent to all of the members, and the Constitution and Bylaws then be printed on a separate sheet of paper and given to all those who were applying for membership in the club.

Summer Social (club picnic) details were announced by Gail Phillips. It will be on Sunday, June 10, at the Jim Hummel Park in Plainfield from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. **(Cancelled)**

After the break, Past President and Life Member Dave Reid presented the Dealer's Showcase. He presented a display of Canadian Coins.

The new Rhode Island Quarters, (P and D mints,) were then distributed to the membership by two of the juniors attending the meeting, Stacy Cook and Ashley Bland.

The Newsletter Puzzle Prize was awarded by the Newsletter Editor, Gail Phillips. "Doc" Gerth was the winner. Other correct entries were submitted by Allen Dove and Vinton Dove. The prize was chocolate-chip cookies.

Vice President, Jim Luckey, introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr. Bobbie Scroggins, the President of the Muncie Stamp and Coin Club. His presentation focused on the collecting of paper money, and included an impressive display of two dollar bills.

The President read the highlights of an article in the Indianapolis Star, which stated that the U.S. Mint made a net profit of \$2.6 Billion in the fiscal year 2000.

Vinton reviewed the calendar for June and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

EXHIBIT NIGHT - It is not too early to start working on your exhibits for Exhibit Night, which will be held during our July meeting on **TUESDAY**, July 24, at 7:00 P.M. As there were last year, there are two categories, World and U.S., and there will be awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. There will also be a participation award given to all who exhibit. You may exhibit in both categories if you wish, with any numismatic material you may have. Don't forget to include descriptive material, if your display would benefit from it. There will be display cases available, but please reserve yours early with either Vinton Dove or Jim Goaziou, so that they will be able to provide a sufficient number. Once again, Exhibit Night will be on a **TUESDAY**. Don't forget.

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Coin World Trivia Answers:
1. Sterling Silver, 2. U.S. Branch Mint, Denver, 3. The reverse or back side.

Kid's Corner



What's What: A Guide to All Kinds of Coins

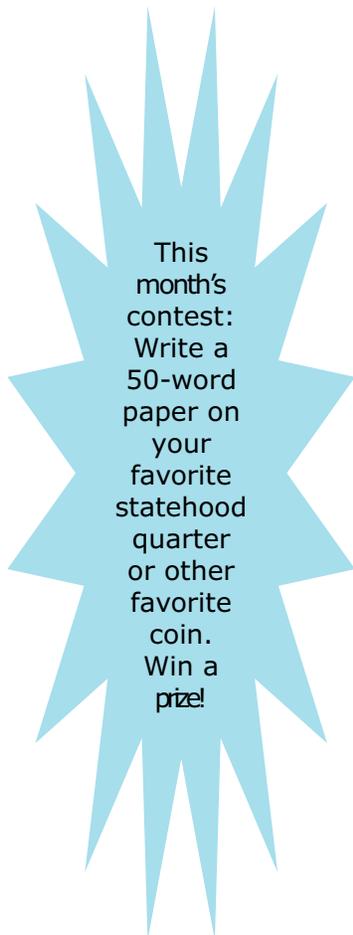
There are many kinds of coins to collect. Here's a quick and easy guide.

Circulating Coins - These are the kind you find in your pocket change. They're everyday dimes, nickels, quarters, fifty-cent pieces, and Golden Dollars too.

Proof Coins - Highly polished and manufactured using a special process, these coins are called "proofs" because they were originally made to "prove" the design was correct.

Commemorative Coins - Issued to honor special people or events, these coins feature very interesting designs. Two examples are the 1926 Oregon Trail Memorial Half-Dollar, made to honor the pioneers who moved west across America, and the 1946 Booker T. Washington Memorial Half-Dollar, struck to honor this famous African American teacher. And although both of these coins were half-dollars, commemorative coins can be minted in a variety of denominations.

Bullion Coins - Produced by varying mints around the world, the value of these coins is directly related to the amount of silver, gold, or platinum they contain. The U.S. Mint produces American Eagle Bullion Coins.

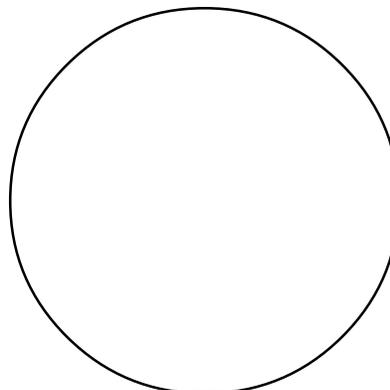
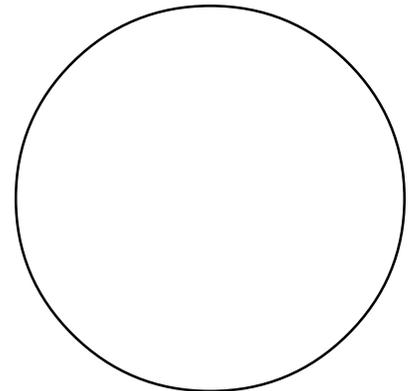


This month's contest: Write a 50-word paper on your favorite statehood quarter or other favorite coin. Win a prize!

North Carolina and Rhode Island Quarters

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- WILBUR



Try to draw one of the two newest quarters, or come up with your own design!

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Bobbie Scroggins and some of his \$2 bills.



Doc and Jim's People's Choice Award from CSNS



The bustling bourse at our meeting.

THIS MONTH'S PRESENTATION WILL BE GIVEN BY JOHN PHILLIPS. THE TOPIC WILL BE "COIN GRADING". HE WILL HAVE A SET OF SLIDES FROM THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION TO AUGMENT HIS PRESENTATION. DON'T MISS IT!