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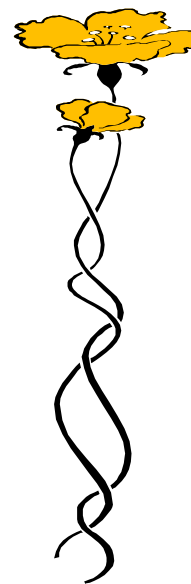
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The June and July Meetings of the Indianapolis Coin Club will be held the fourth Monday at the Lawrence Library at 7898 Hague Road in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Meetings consist of a business session, an intermission, educational program, and a numismatic auction. Doors open at 6:00pm, meeting will begin at 7:00pm.



**The next meeting will be
Monday June 27, 2005!**

ICC Celebrates with its Summer Social!!!

The Indianapolis Coin Club celebrated its Summer Social June 5th at Hummel Park in Plainfield. The weather was beautiful with a wonderful breeze present.

There was PLENTY of food and great fun had by all that attended! There were coin discussions going on

along with summer vacation plans among the members.

Many of the members brought along their wives.

A special thank you to Charles Alber (and Ruth) for all of their hard work in organizing this day!



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If I Were a Coin

By Amanda Rondot Junior Member of Fort Wayne Coin Club

If I were a coin, then what would I be?
Where would I go, and whom would I see?
What would I be made of, copper, silver, gold?
Would I be more recent of very, very old?

Would I be a drachma from the ancient Greeks,
High relief outstanding, beautiful and sleek,
Held by the kings and in the merchants' touch,
With the lure of rare beasts, mythology and such?

Or would I be a cash coin, minted in the East?
Without me there is famine, but with me a feast.
I may not be the prettiest, with very little art,
But I serve my purpose, both functional and smart.

Perhaps I'd be a denarius, freshly made for Rome,
Passed from hand to hand, across the realm I roam.
With the emperor's portrait, his mottos, and all,
I bear the news from place to place, at every port
of call.

Or would I come from Lydia, the earliest to be?
A lump of metal with a punch, I am not much to
see.
But as the first one of my kind, I herald things to
come.
I will come to rule the state, the region and then
some.

Would I be an English coin, from the days of yore,
Reminiscent of the bogs and misty days on moors?
I date before Will Shakespeare's time (isn't that a
shame),
Within my lifetime I have seen great kings and
queens of fame.

Though all these coins are worthy, wonderful and
grand,
Still they are somewhat hard to understand.
Maybe it's the time gap, a silly thought, I know,
Perhaps it's the distance-that's quite a ways to go!

So perchance I'd be a doubloon, or a brand new
piece of eight.
As the workhorse of the world, I sail to meet my
fate.
Tossed upon the stormy seas, will my ship go
down?
I will reign in the New World, provided I don't
drown.

But still something's missing, still something's
sour.
Though I'd love to see the world and wield
mighty power,
Destined I am sure I'm not, for something near as
fine.
To stay near home and work my days-this modest
lot, 'tis mine.
But that's not to say I'm average, so please don't
get me wrong,
It is still a regal line, the series to which I belong.
Though this is true of most all coins, no matter
what they are,
I still feel that as a coins, I rank above the par.

So I think I'd be a gold coin, an eagle I suppose.
All day long I'd stretch my wings to fly where no
one knows.
When nightfall came I'd furl my wings and settle
down to rest,
Knowing that in spreading beauty, I had done my
very best.



Treasurer's Report May 2005

***Nothing submitted again this month by Treasurer**



Secretary's Report May 23, 2005

***Nothing submitted again this month by Secretary**

Letter from the Editor:

If anyone has an article that they have written, please email or send it to me, I will be happy to put it in the monthly Planchet. The deadline is the 10th of each month for items in this newsletter.

I will be unavailable during the month of July. If you have anything for the newsletter, please let Allen Dove know. He will be doing the July edition while I am on vacation.

Thank you to everyone who has given me articles, I really appreciate it! I look forward to seeing everyone in August!

Amy Eberhardt
Editor

**New location for
ICC meetings in
June and July**

The Indianapolis Coin Club will be meeting at the Lawrence Library Branch for the June and July meetings. The dates for the meetings are: June 27th and July 25th. We will meet at the Nora Library again with the August meeting.

The map below should help you to find your way. If you need further information, please call the Library at: (317) 269-1884. We look forward to seeing everyone in this new location for two months only.

**EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAM FOR JUNE:**

**Grading Mercury
Dimes**

by

Vinton Dove