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THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE 28TH 2010

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.

2010 Meeting Dates:

June 28th

July 26th

Aug. 23rd

Sept. 27th

Oct. 25th

Nov. 22nd

December Banquet

This Months Topic:
Pre-1936 Proof US Coinage
By Donn Wray

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History of FDR (1882-1945)

Roosevelt was the only American president elected to office four times and led his country through two of the greatest crises of the 20th century - the Great Depression and World War Two.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt (commonly known as "FDR") was born in Hyde Park, NY on January 30, 1882. In 1905 he married Anna Eleanor Roosevelt. In political life he served as a state senator, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and as President of the United States from 1933 to 1945.

History of the Roosevelt Dime

U.S. Mint Director Nellie Tayloe Ross wanted the new Roosevelt Dime ready to be released on what would have been President Roosevelt's 64th birthday, January 30, 1946 which was also the day that the 1946 March of Dimes fundraiser was to kick off. So, instead of the normal contest among American artists for the design of the coin, Chief Engraver John R. Sinnock was chosen to design the new dime piece because he had previously designed a medal of President Roosevelt.

Sinnock's choice of design elements for the reverse of the Roosevelt Dime included:

- * a torch symbolizing liberty
- * an olive branch symbolizing peace
- * an oak branch symbolizing victory



In 2003, a group of conservative Republicans in Congress proposed removing Roosevelt's image from the dime, and replacing it with that of President Ronald Reagan, although he was still alive. Legislation to this effect was introduced in November 2003 by Indiana Representative Mark Souder. Amongst the more notable opponents of the legislation was Nancy Reagan, who in December 2003 stated that, "When our country chooses to honor a great president such as Franklin Roosevelt by placing his likeness on our currency, it would be wrong to remove him." After President Reagan's death in June 2004, the proposed legislation gained additional support. Souder, however, stated that he was not going to pursue the legislation any further.

Coin Specifications

Designer John R Sinnock
Composition 91.67% Cu
8.33% Ni
Weight 2.268 grams
Diameter 17.96 mm
Thickness 1.35 mm
Edge 118 reeds



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May 24, 2010 - Minutes of the Indianapolis Coin Club Meeting.

Open - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Club President, Jim Roehrdanz. 35 of the 43 people present signed the attendance book. We met at the Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 East 71st Street.

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

Visitors – Larry Hertzman, Terry Cashler and Joan Zelenin visited the Club.

New Business – Sergeant-at-Arms, Jim Warden, brought in a bag of counterfeit “silver” dollars for the members to examine. He had borrowed them from the Secret Service for the purpose of educating the members of the Club. Some were very lightweight, others were the “wrong” color, and others looked very real. A discussion followed. Thanks, Jim!

Joe Boling presented the Club with a 50 year Membership Medal from the Central States Numismatic Society.

Old Business – Paul Hollis gave Joe Boling some of the new 2010 Lincoln Cents, which Joe distributed to Club Members.

The Educational Program – Club Vice President, Donn Wray, was the speaker for the evening. Donn divided those attending into small “working” groups and distributed several certified coins to each group with instructions to each individual to decide whether to “Crack of Keep” each coin. It was so interesting that your Secretary forgot to keep minutes for a lengthy period during the meeting. Fortunately, the minutes from that point were not extensive, and he was able to remember what happened from that point.

After the break, the **50/50 Drawing** was run by Club Treasurer, Don King.

Auction – The Club's monthly auction was conducted by Joe Boling as auctioneer, with Ron Jackson, Jim Roehrdanz, Bob Bettcher, Vinton Dove and Dave Reid assisting. 18 sheets of up to five lots each were included and most of the lots sold.

The club adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Vinton Dove, Secretary

As of Thursday June 24th I have yet to receive a copy of the treasurers report. Once again due to the fact that I have to mail copies of the newsletter to folks I must have it done by the Thursday before the meeting. I have had to proceed without a copy of the treasurers report to print. If you would like a copy please ask Don King.

**Matt Dinger
Editor**