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## **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2015**

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:**

**“First’s, Last’s, and Finest Known’s”**

**By Michael White**

**Next Months Meeting Date & Program:**

**Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 7 pm.**

TBA by Paul Vaughn

*For a complete list of 2015 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/>

## President's Message

Dear Indianapolis Coin Club Members:

Last month's educational presentation on May 18 was much different than any other in the memory of club members. Jim Sukup began his presentation on "World War II Medals" by introducing his father-in-law. Mr. Mike Vinich stood up for his first-hand account of his World War II experiences as a Marine in the Pacific.

Coin Club members were very engaged as Mr. Vinich, now over 90+ years old, told club members of enlisting in December 1941 after Pearl Harbor. He was sent to the Pacific via a zig zagging transport vessel to avoid enemy submarines. His experiences included the battles of Guadalcanal and Coral Sea. Mr. Vinich told of a rugby game won against some New Zealanders with the tactics of American football players. In addition, he had a chance meeting with a future president John F. Kennedy in his second PT Boat, who he met again many years later during JFK's presidential campaign. Club members listened carefully to each detail of Mr. Vinich's experience which included being wounded in both legs on Iwo Jima and being carried to medical assistance. The factual presentation by Mr. Vinich was a stark contrast to the intensity of the description of how he was wounded and the battles in which he participated.

Here are some of the comments from club members after the meeting:

"I must say last night's feature presentation was my favorite of all that I have heard over many years attending our coin club meetings. What a history lesson! Without men such as Mr. Vinich, we would not have the freedom to engage our numismatic endeavors! It was a perfect sequel to Vinton's presentation on his father's war experience." Jim Roehrdanz

"I'll admit I was enthralled. Not what I expected, but it was a great, great presentation. I could have listened for hours." Andy Nahrwold

"It sure was living history. Reflect upon this: We are now as far away from WW II as 1935 was from the Civil War." Donn Wray

"It was the best presentation the Club has had since I (the Secretary) joined the Club in 1972." From the minutes of the May 2015 meeting, Vinton Dove

The presentation was one of the best surprises I have encountered as President. It turned out to be far more than just a discussion of World War II medals by Jim Sukup, although Jim did display and discuss the medals from Mr. Vinich. It was the real life account of Mike Vinich, a United States Marine from Wyoming, who served in World War II.

And by the way, Mr. Vinich never mentioned his medals he received for his service, including his Purple Heart.

I look forward to seeing you at the Monday, June 22, 2015 meeting of the Indianapolis Coin Club at 7:00 p.m.

*Jeff Bercovitz, President*

## From the Editor

Remember that club members can place items up for auction each month at the club meeting. Auction sheets cost \$1, and you can list up to 5 items per sheet. Auction sheets can be found at the club website: [http://www.indianapoliscoinclub.org/forms/Auction\\_Sheet\\_ICC.pdf](http://www.indianapoliscoinclub.org/forms/Auction_Sheet_ICC.pdf), and for your convenience one will be included at the end of this newsletter. Bear in mind that while only members can sell at auction, anyone can bid.

This month's auction will include:

- No items were submitted this month by publication time.

Don't forget that numismatic library books are available to club members. To reserve a publication, send an email to the club librarian at [iccbooks@yahoo.com](mailto:iccbooks@yahoo.com) and it will be brought to the next meeting if it isn't already checked out.

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### Canadian Large Cents 1902-1910



This month's coin of the month is the Canadian large cent issued 1902 to 1910. The short length of the series coincides with the brief reign of **Edward VII** who became King in 1901 following the death of **Queen Victoria**. As usual, the coins for **Edward** were not struck till the next calendar year. During the first six years, the coins were struck in London without a mint mark and in 1907 some coins were struck in Birmingham, England with an H mint-mark.

**George W. DeSaulles** designed and engraved both the obverse and reverse of the coin. The obverse shows a crowned portrait of Edward. Around the image is a circle of dots and the words **EDWARDVS VII DEI GRATIA REX IMPERATOR** and CANADA. That translates to Edward VII by the grace of God, King, and Emperor. The reverse design has ONE CENT and the date in

the center also circled by dots and a vine of 16 maple leaves. The mintmark appears just inside the circle of dots below the date. Physically the coin is 25.4 mm, weighs 5.67 grams of 95% copper, 4% tin and 1% zinc. The edge of the coin is plain.

Assembling a complete set is not a hard task. In very fine almost all coins are \$10 or less. In extra fine the price rises to \$20 or less and most mint state coins are \$50 or less. The exception is the key date 1907-H. While most coins have a mintage of 2-5 million the '07-H has a mintage of just 800,000. Values for this coin range from \$30 in very fine to \$200 in MS60.

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## **Indianapolis Coin Club**

**General Ledger for April & May 2015**  
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## **May 18, 2015 - Minutes of the Indianapolis Coin Club Meeting.**

**Open** – Club President, Jeff Bercovitz, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. 23 people attended and signed in. We met at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 East 71<sup>st</sup> St.

The **Secretary's report** was accepted as published in the Planchet.

The **Treasurer's report** was not available at press time.

**Visitors** – Mike Vinich, a WWII Iwo Jima veteran and his daughter, Mrs. Mary Sukup.

**Old Business** – Jeff announced that the Club's ANA membership had lapsed, and the Board had met and decided that the Club should be an ANA member. Jeff called for a motion from the floor to continue the Club's ANA membership. Joe Boling moved and Lyle Pelkin seconded to keep the Club an ANA member. Motion passed. Jeff said the papers are ready to go, but he called for all ANA members to list their name and ANA membership number on a sheet of paper which he passed around. The Club gets credit towards its dues for every ANA member it has. Jeff announced that the US Mint is no longer accepting orders for the March of Dimes coin set (at this time). He reported that the Eitlejorg Museum has a display of gold.

**New Business** – When asked, Jeff said his wife, Marilyn, who fell and broke her kneecap and her elbow, was recovering nicely. He noted that his "Coin Show Etiquette" article in the Planchet basically said "Be nice, be polite." **Kills!** Andy Nahrwold brought in some Rupees from Nepal, acquired on his recent trip to the Far East. Joe Boling acquired some more Military Payment Certificates (MPC's).

**The Educational Program** – Jim Sukup introduced his father-in-law, Mike Vinich, a US Marine and WWII Iwo Jima veteran. He was born and raised in Wyoming.

Mike said he enlisted in the US Marines on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1941, just two days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He was sent, without any combat training, to Guadalcanal, in the Pacific, on board a Banana Boat, which was not a US Military vessel. The captain of the ship sailed back and forth, north and south, because he wanted to avoid the German U-Boats. It took much longer going zig-zag than it would have by just going straight, but he was convinced that the U-Boats were in the Pacific, as well as the Atlantic.

They landed at Guadalcanal, and encountered little opposition. They went across the island, right where the Marines later planted the US Flag.

Next was the battle of the Coral Sea. After that, they were sent to Wellington, New Zealand to leave the wounded and the Japanese prisoners. While there, some of the Marines played Rugby with the New Zealanders. The Marines won the game, since several of them had been football players in the US.

Then they were sent to New Caledonia for 60 days of training. While there he met several PT boat commanders, including (later President) John F. Kennedy.

JFK's second Boat. (JFK's first boat had been sunk.) He again talked with JFK. The boats took them to Guadalcanal where they took other ships back to the US for three months of further training.

Then they were sent to Hilo, Hawaii and loaded on other ships for transfer to Iwo Jima. He was in the first landing, at 9:00 AM, with orders to take the island.

Not long after landing, he was shot in both legs, and when he fell, he broke his femur, which rendered him unable to travel. A Lieutenant sent a stretcher to carry him back to the ship for evacuation. The two marines who were carrying him heard an incoming mortar shell, dropped the stretcher and hit the ground. When they picked him up to continue, he told them to let him down easy! The next time they heard an incoming mortar, they let him down a little easier, but it still was very painful. When they again started out, Mike drew his pistol and told them that if they "dropped" him again, he would shoot them both! They caught on.

When they put him down near the ships, he was on a patch of coral, which was very hot, so he told them to move him closer to the ship, because he was burning up. It was a good thing, because after they moved him a mortar round exploded right where he had been!

He then spent 17 days on board ship on his way back to the US, where he spent 11 months in the hospital before he was discharged.

Mike said he fought in 4 Major battles in the Pacific. He also fought alongside John Bass, a Medal of Honor awardee, who, after being awarded the MOH, had refused to be reassigned to the US to sell War Bonds. He wanted to stay with his fellow Marines. He was killed later in the war.

In 1960, when JFK was campaigning, Mike introduced himself, and JFK remembered him! Mike became a Democratic delegate and was the first to nominate JFK in his district in Wyoming. In 1974 Mike ran for the US Senate in Wyoming, but lost the election.

Mike is now 92 years old. He had a display of the medals he was awarded for his service, including the Purple Heart.

It was the best presentation the Club has had since I (the Secretary) joined the Club in 1972.

### **Break.**

The **Attendance Drawing (Door Prize)**, donated by Jim Sukup was a Canadian \$10.00 silver (Bullion) coin. Mike Vinich drew the ticket and the oldest WWII veteran in the Club, Lyle Pelkin, won!

The **50/50 Drawing** was won by Club President, Jeff Bercovitz.

**Auction** – Joe Boling ran the auction. Assisting were Bob Bettcher, Donn Wray, Paul Vaughn and Vinton Dove. It was a small auction, with only 5 auction sheets.

The meeting was **Adjourned** at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Vinton Dove, Secretary

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# **Indianapolis Coin Club**

## ***2015 Meeting Dates & Educational Programs***

**January 26, 2015** - 'Indiana's State Seal on Medals & Currency' - by Jeff Bercovitz

*\*Prize sponsor: Jeff Bercovitz*

**February 23, 2015** - 'Why Do Counterfeiters Counterfeit? - It's Not All About Getting Over On Your Fellow Man' -by Joseph E. Boling

*\*Prize sponsor: Joseph E. Boling*

**March 23, 2015** - 'The Eagle Has Landed' -by Jim Warden

*\*Prize sponsor: Jim Warden*

**April 27, 2015** - 'When the Lights Came On Again: Paper Issues 1945-1946' -by Donn Wray

*\*Prize sponsor: Donn Wray*

**May 18, 2015** - 'World War II Medals' -by Jim Sukup

*\*Prize sponsor: Jim Sukup*

**June 22, 2015** - 'First's, Last's, and Finest Known's' -by Michael White

*\*Prize sponsor: Michael White*

**July 27, 2015** - 'TBA' -by Paul Vaughn

*\*Prize sponsor: Paul Vaughn*

**August 24, 2015** - 'TBA' - by Logansport Coin Club Speaker Exchange

*\*Prize sponsor: Vinton Dove*

**September 28, 2015** - I.C.C. Exhibit Night

*\*Prize sponsor: Shannon Spears*

**October 26, 2015** - 'Love Tokens -by Andy Nahrwold

*\*Prize sponsor: Andy Nahrwold*

**November 23, 2015** - 'Annual State of the Hobby Address' -by Mark Eberhardt

*\*Prize sponsor: Mark Eberhardt*

**December 1, 2015** – NO MEETING - I.C.C. Holiday Banquet

\*For 2015 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.*