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## Past-President Attends 2003 World's Fair of Money

### **ANA World's Fair of Money, July 31 - August 3, 2003, Baltimore, Maryland**

I had the pleasure of attending my first ANA convention last Saturday, August 2, and thought I would share what I found. At the meeting I told everyone that I was going to make the journey to see four of the five 1913 "V" nickels, and I saw them. Oddly enough, I saw all 5 of them, since the fifth coin was added to the exhibit at the last minute. The display was tall and enclosed in thick plastic (clear) so that everyone could see the coins and the brief history of who the current owners are, but as a collector, I was disappointed because I could not see much of the coins, themselves. Oh, they were there, but they were vertical to the floor, so I could not (easily) get a look at the coin with the light reflected across it. That would have

allowed me to better see the surface of the coins, but I guess when you can't get closer than 3 feet, it may not have made much difference. Don't get me wrong, I am not complaining, since I actually saw the coins, and can tell my grandchildren that I saw all 5 of them at the same time. I guess my expectations were a little higher than security would allow.

There was a good sized line (8 or 10 people, minimum,) whenever I looked in the direction of the display, but the wait was worth it.

Immediately after entering the convention, I saw Ray Lockwood and Jerry Lebo (ICC Life Member) manning the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS) booth, and said hello. They were the only two people I saw, other than dealers, whom I knew.

The bourse was swarming with people, and the dealers had many exciting coins, as well as some not-so-exciting. I was looking for 1896-S and 1897-S half-dollars in VG condition. I found several which were presented as VG, but did not quite measure up to the ANA grading standards (or the Vinton Dove standards!). I did find another MS Mercury Dime for the set that Allen and I are assembling. It was a 1917-S, not a full-strike, and would probably grade MS-62 or 63.

I saw several dealers whom I recognized. Among them were Leon Hendrickson's brother at the Silvertown booths; Orv Detrick at ROMA Coin's booth; Mike Orlando, at his booth; and J. Cline at his booth. Some of you may remember that J. Cline was the speaker at ICC's Christ-

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Our next meetings are scheduled for Monday, August 25, and Monday, September 22, at 7:00 PM at the Fireman's Union Hall Building, 748 Massachusetts Ave. at College Ave., Indianapolis. Parking is available in the lot west of the building and on the streets north and south of the building.

**Officers:** President: Jim Luckey, Vice President: Vacant,  
Treasurer: Tom Ferwerda, Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Warden.  
Past President: Vinton Dove  
Secretary/Editor/Webmaster: Gail Phillips

**Directors:** Karl Kreck, Lawrence Wisthoff, Donald Black,  
Coz Raimondi, Charles Alber, Allen Dove

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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 Fireman's Union Hall, 748 Massachusetts Ave.) 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 \$12.00 per year, junior membership dues are \$5.00 per year.



## From Our President

The July meeting was great. There were a lot of fine exhibits and good participation. Our winners for Exhibit Night were Charles Alber, Allen Dove, Doc Gerth, Kurt Miller, Lyle Pelkin, and Coz Raimondi. No one stepped forward to head the Coin Show next March, so Karl Kreck and I secured a facility. We need more people to stand up and do something or the club will fail. August meeting is a program on grading. Bring a friend, a child or even an enemy, But do something.

-Jim



## Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. Coz Raimondi addressed the membership regarding ISNA exhibition rules, and made exhibition application forms available to the membership. Doc Gerth and Tom Ferwerda brought the membership up to date on next year's National Coin Week exhibition opportunities, which include Greenwood and White River Libraries, as well as the 42nd Street Library and Christ the King Church. If you would like to help promote the ICC with an exhibit next April, please contact Tom or Doc. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read. Exhibits were then judged for Exhibit Night. The winners were: **Kurt Miller**, 1st place, Junior Division, for his "Coins and Their Role in WWII", "Coins of the USA, Then and Now" and "Monies of the World" exhibits; **Doc Gerth**, 1st place, US, for his "America's Sesquicentennial Year" exhibit; **Allen Dove**, 2nd place, US, for his "Origami Dollars exhibit"; **Coz Raimondi**, 3rd place, US, for his "Civil War" exhibit; **Charles Alber**, 1st place, World, for his "Coin Metals" exhibit; **Sam Taylor**, 2nd place, World, for his "Swiss Shooting Medals" exhibit; **Lyle Pelkin**, 3rd place, World for his "British Farthings" exhibit; and **Allen Dove** won the "People's Choice" award, again, for his "Origami Dollars". Polo shirts with the club logo, embroidered by Jean Boothe, were



## Treasurer's Report August 2003

### **INCOME**

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Newsletter Advertisement    | \$ 35.00        |
| 2003 Coin Show Table Pymnt. | 140.00          |
| Membership Dues             | 36.00           |
| 50/50 Drawing               | 13.50           |
| Amazon Associates Sales     | 16.11           |
| Club Shirt Sales            | <u>40.00</u>    |
| <b>Total Income</b>         | <b>\$280.61</b> |

### **EXPENSES**

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Insurance Policy                  | \$200.00        |
| Hall Rental                       | 25.00           |
| Newsletter Printing               | 12.24           |
| Exhibit Night Participation Awds. | 71.80           |
| Exhibit Night Prizes              | <u>266.66</u>   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>             | <b>\$575.70</b> |

**Net Expenses** **\$295.09**

**Balance in Checking as of August 1, 2003 - \$5190.27**

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awarded to all winners, and an Indiana Statehood Quarter Display, from FUBA Coins, was given to each of the participants. The coin auction followed, Richard Kinnett won the 50/50, Allen Dove won the puzzle contest, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

- Gail

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### Obituary

#### **Palmer, John R.** **July 19, 2003**

John R. Palmer, 66, Indianapolis, passed away, July 17, in his home. He was a Korean Veteran in the U.S. Coast Guard. Mr. Palmer retired in 1981 from the Indianapolis Police Department as a Sergeant. He had also worked in security for the St. Vincent Hospital and was a Numismatic and had owned a coin shop. Survivors include his wife, Sue Ash Palmer; Children, Christine D. Laffew, Jeannette M. and Douglas A. Palmer and Jennifer A. McMullen; a sister, Judy Golay; Grandchildren, Samantha and Syndi Palmer, Colton and Corbin McMullen and his dog Mitsy. His parents, Robert and Charlotte A. Mueller Palmer and an infant sister preceded him in death.

Services were held at 1 p.m., Monday July 21 in the G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Avenue, with visitation from 2-6 p.m., July 20, in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the VNS Hospice of central Indiana, 4701 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, IN, 46205.

# Puzzle Page

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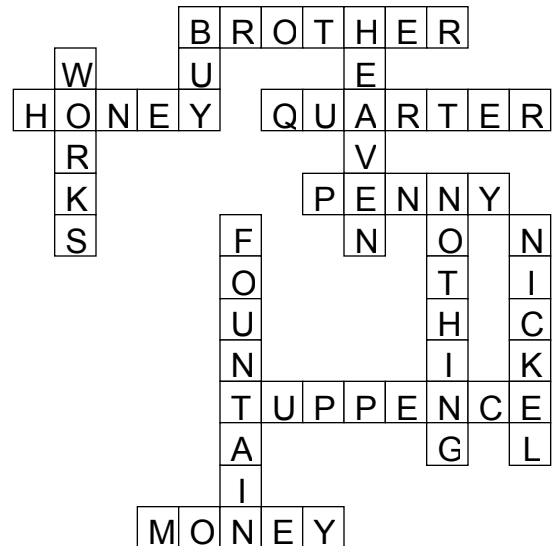
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In this puzzle, P equals E. Good Luck!

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There will be a prize for the cryptoquip.

## July Puzzle Solution





**Winners of the 2003 Exhibit Night** - From left, back row: Charles Alber, Lyle Pelkin, Dr. Robert Gerth, Coz Raimondi, Allen Dove. Front row: Kurt Miller

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mas Banquet in 2000. I bought a 1927-D quarter (Fine) from him in hopes of improving the condition of the one in my collection. As you may remember, Mr. Cline "wrote the book" on Standing Liberty Quarters (literally!). The ICC library may still have a copy of his Standing Liberty Quarters, Third Edition. You should ask our librarian, Lawrence Wisthoff.

The show seemed very similar to the CSNS show in Indianapolis in April, 2001, except that I think there were more dealers, and the 1913 nickel exhibit was there. Of course, when you have more than 150 dealers at a show, I am not too sure of the benefit of adding 50 or 75 more.

There was a very formal registration procedure that the public had to go through. I was impressed by the security, also.

I had an exciting time, and I will try to bring the handouts I received describing the 1913 nickels and the other exhibits. Yes, there were other exhibits at the show, but I only had one day to shop, so my examination of them was brief.

- Vinton Dove

**The ICC Needs You**

This November, our club will be holding its annual election. As you may or may not be aware, we currently have some vacant and temporarily filled positions on our Board. We currently need a Vice President, and will continue to do so, come November. We will also need a Secretary, and a Newsletter Editor/Webmaster, since I can no longer fulfill the duties of the offices. I will train the new editor/webmaster, so they can benefit from the methodologies I have developed over the last four years. Producing and mailing the newsletter and doing the webpage updates takes about two days per month. Three board member positions will be coming open as well. If you are interested in serving in any of these or any other of the offices, please contact Vinton Dove, at 257-1906, as he is in charge of preparing a slate of nominees for this year's election.

**Found! - Missing 1913 Liberty Head 5¢ coin in closet for 40 years - Dealer George Walton's 'altered date' coin proves genuine - posted 7/30/03**

By Beth Deisher  
COIN WORLD staff



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## 100 GREATEST U.S. COINS BY JEFF GARRETT AND RON GUTH WINS AWARDS

Baltimore, MD August 5, 2003 — Both the Numismatic Literary Guild and the Professional Numismatic Guild have chosen 100 Greatest U.S. Coins by Jeff Garrett and Ron Guth as the best numismatic book of the year. This "coffee table book," published by Whitman Publishing of Atlanta, GA, received the distinguished honors recently during the American Numismatic Association ("ANA") coin convention in Baltimore.

The Numismatic Literary Guild criteria include a book's impact on numismatics, reader appeal, research, printing and graphics. The Professional Numismatic Guild's Robert Friedberg Literary Award recognizes the top coin book of the year, as determined by the exclusive membership of PNG's leading coin dealers.

100 Greatest U.S. Coins by veteran coin experts Garrett and Guth, appeals to collectors and non-collectors with its large color photographs of each coin accompanied by fascinating historical and numismatic text. The 1804 Draped Bust dollar was ranked as #1 followed by various denominations and metals. "We believe the list we developed will satisfy the majority of collectors," stated the authors. Many coins such as the 1909-S Lincoln V.D.B. cent are still affordable to the average collector.

"We are proud to be recognized by these scholarly associations," stated Mary Counts, president of Whitman Publishing LLC "our authors and staff strive to create quality coin-related books that appeal to the casual collector as well as the expert. We have other interesting numismatic books in

the research stages for the hobby...we are committed to continuing the Whitman legacy."

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### **GARY E. LEWIS AND WILLIAM H. HORTON JR. ELECTED NEW ANA PRESIDENT AND VP; THREE NEW GOVERNORS TO JOIN BOARD**

A new president and vice president, and three new and four incumbents have been elected to the American Numismatic Association (ANA) nine-member Board of Governors, with 8,544 ballots cast in the biennial election. ANA Vice President Gary E. Lewis of Cape Coral, Florida, was elected president, defeating ANA Governor Patricia A. Finner of Iola, Wisconsin. Lewis received 4,589 votes to Finner's 3,827. In the contested election for the vice presidency, Governor William H. Horton Jr. of Keyport, New Jersey, defeated Governor Kay Edgerton Lenker of San Diego, California, by a vote of 4,391 to 3,919. New Board members are Alan Herbert, Donald H. Kagin and Will Rossman. Incumbents re-elected are M. Remy Bourne, Arthur M. Fitts III, Barry Stuppler and John Wilson. Lewis, a 43-year life member of the ANA, was first elected to the Board of Governors in 1995 and has served on the ANA's Audit, Finance, Exhibit, Resolutions, Mediation, Commemorative Quarter and Young

Numismatists Committees. He also has served as a regional, district and club representative and is the 1979 recipient of the ANA Outstanding Adult Advisor Award. Horton, a 31-year life member of the ANA, was first elected to the Board of Governors in 2001. The general chairman of the 2000 ANA World's Fair of Money in Philadelphia, he is a co-founder and first president of the Garden State Numismatic Association, and has served as president of a number of other clubs. Horton has served on a number of committees for the ANA and been recognized by several clubs for his outstanding contributions. All members of the ANA Board of Governors elected this year will assume office during the Association's 112th Anniversary Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, July 30 - August 3. Installation of officers will take place at the convention banquet on Saturday, August 2. Votes garnered by the winning candidates, as tabulated by the independent accounting firm of Biggs Kofford & Company are:

\* 4,800 for M. Remy Bourne of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota \* 4,260 for Michael S. Fey of Morris Plains, New Jersey \* 4,799 for Arthur M. Fitts III of Framingham, Massachusetts \* 4,576 for Alan Herbert of Belle Fourche, South Dakota \* 5,749 for Donald H. Kagin of Tibourn, California \* 4,195 for Bob Korver of Carrollton, Texas \* 3,649 for Walter A. Ostromecki Jr. of Panorama City, California \* 4,289 for Will Rossman of Estes Park, Colorado \* 4,939 for Stuppler of Woodland Hills, California \* 3,375 for Anthony Tumonis of Tucson, Arizona \* 5,918 for John Wilson of Ocala, Florida.

Nearly 30 percent of the eligible ANA voting membership cast ballots in this election; nearly 28 percent voted in the ANA election two years ago.

# KID'S CORNER



## History of the Nickel, Part Three

In 1883, the U.S. Mint issued the Liberty Head nickel, designed by William Barber, whose son would follow him as chief engraver of the Mint, and whose name would be attached to the 1892-1916 silver coinage of that name. Although an attractive design with the Liberty Head and Roman numeral "V", for five, on the reverse (Victorian-era people thought that Roman numerals looked "classier" than Arabic numerals), Barber omitted one crucial element of the design - the word "cents". This might have not been a problem, had it not been for the fact that, at that time, the five dollar gold coin was the same size. Enterprising individuals started gold-plating the nickels and passing them as five dollar gold coins, which was a hefty profit in those days. These so called "Racketeer Nickels" became such a problem that the Mint hurriedly corrected the design before the end of 1883. They replaced the "E Pluribus Unum" motto at the bottom of the coin with the word "cents". Some of the individuals who made the instant "five dollar nickels" even went through the trouble of reeding the edges, since the five dollar gold coin has a reeded edge. Oddly enough, many people thought that the "centless" vari-

ety would be recalled by the Mint, so this coin was widely hoarded. Even today, it is one of the most inexpensive 19th century coin to be found in uncirculated condition. Even though the 1883 "with cents" variety had more than three times the mintage figure of the earlier type, the "with cents" is much scarcer in uncirculated condition. No further changes were made to the coin until it was discontinued, at the "official" end of the series in 1912. This final year featured branch Mint issues from Denver and San Francisco, and the 1912-S is considered to be a "key" date along with the 1885 and 1886 in this series, due to low mintage.

Although no official minting of 1913 Liberty Head Nickels was recorded, since the design was being replaced by the Buffalo or Indian Head nickel of that year, a Mint employee struck some of these very rare coins. Only five are known to exist. No one knew they existed until 1919, when they were displayed at the ANA convention that year. The coin became one of the most famous

American rarities thanks to Texas coin dealer E. Max Mehl, who, in the 1920's and 1930's through his Star coin catalogue, caused millions of people to look through their change in hopes of finding the rare coin. He had a standing offer to buy any of the coins. Thanks to Mr. Mehl, the 1913 Liberty nickel joined such coins as the 1804 dollar, the 1909 S VDB cent, and the 1955 double die cent as rare coins known to the general non-collecting public. Although the 1913 Liberty nickel, like many other "unofficially struck" mint issues, could be subject to seizure as unauthorized issues, the U.S. Mint has never pressed this policy, except in the case of the 1933 twenty dollar gold coin, and threatened seizure of 1964 D Peace Dollars and 1974 pattern aluminum cents.



## Upcoming Coin Shows

**August 24, 2003 - Terre Haute** - Sunday, 9 AM until 4 PM, Wabash Valley Coin and Currency Show, Hulman Center, 200 N. 8th St., Terre Haute. Free Admission. Tables: 26. Table Fee: \$40. For more info, call Marvin Mericle, 812-898-1260.

**September 4 - 7, 2003 - Chicago, IL** - Thursday through Sunday (Thursday - Dealers only & Early Bird Badges, 2:30 PM - 7 PM), Friday & Saturday, 10 AM - 6 PM, Sunday, 10 AM - 3:30 PM, CSNS Fall Show, Chicago Area Park Place of Countryside Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd., junction I-55 & Route 45 (LaGrange Rd.). Friday and Saturday night auctions, U.S. and foreign coins and currency, gold and silver jewelry, 120 dealer tables, seminars, exhibits, raffle prizes. Free admission and parking. For more info, call Kermit Wasmer, 815-432-4636.

**September 13-14 - South Bend** - Saturday & Sunday, South Bend Coin and Currency Show, Comfort Suites, 52939 SR 933 N., South Bend. Free Admission. Tables: 10-15. Table Fee: \$50. For more info, call David Brody, 574-272-9198.

**September 27, 2003 - Greencastle** - Saturday, 9 AM until 4 PM, Putnam County 4-H Fairgrounds on HWY 231, just north of Greencastle. Numerous dealers will be present to: Buy, Sell, Trade - coins, currency, gold, silver, sports cards, tokens, foreign coins, and other collectibles. Raffle drawing and door prizes. Free admission, everyone welcome. Presented by the Putnam County Coin Club.

**October 3, 2003 - Logansport** - Sunday, 10 AM until 4 PM, Holiday Inn, Logansport, 3550 U.S. 24 East. Buy, sell, trade, appraise. Admission Free, Public Welcome. Come and view: Paper money issued by Logansport Banks, Logansport Merchant tokens, Coins of the Bible, 50-State Quarters. Sponsored by the Logansport Coin Club.

**October 18, 2003 - Green County 4-H Fairgrounds** - Saturday, 9 AM until 4 PM, Green County 4-H Fairgrounds on HWY 54, just west of the intersection of HWYS 57 and 54. Numerous dealers will be present to: Buy, Sell, Trade - coins, currency, gold, silver, sports cards, tokens, foreign coins, and other collectibles. Raffle drawing and door prizes. Free admission, everyone welcome. Presented by the Bloomfield Coin Club.

**October 25-26, 2003 - South Bend** - Saturday & Sunday, South Bend Coin and Currency Show, Comfort Suites, 52939 SR 933 N., South Bend. Free Admission. Tables: 10-15. Table Fee: \$50. For more info, call David Brody, 574-272-9198.

**October 31 - November 1, 2003 - Indianapolis** - Saturday & Sunday, ISNA Show, Indianapolis Marriott East. Free Admission. Tables: 100. Table Fee: \$295-\$395. For more info, call Joyce Fischer at 765-649-0253.

**November 22-23, 2003 - South Bend** - Saturday & Sunday, South Bend Coin and Currency Show, Comfort Suites, 52939 SR 933 N., South Bend. Free Admission. Tables: 10-15. Table Fee: \$50. For more info, call David Brody, 574-272-9198.

**April 3, 2004 - Bloomington** - Saturday, 9 AM until 4 PM, Bloomington Convention Center, 302 S. College Ave., Bloomington, IN. Numerous dealers will be present to: Buy, Sell, Trade - coins, currency, gold, silver, tokens, foreign coins, and other collectibles. Raffle drawing and hourly door prizes. Free admission, everyone welcome. Presented by Bloomington Coin Club.

**Welcome to our newest club members - William Neal, Jim Fuson, and Mike Grider!**

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**This month's educational program will be  
a film on Coin Grading.  
Don't miss it!**

**There will be no Summer Social  
this year - no one signed up  
for it at the July meeting. Sorry.**