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The Meetings of the Indianapolis Coin Club are held the fourth Monday of each month at the Nora Library at 8625 Guilford Avenue 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, August 22, 2005!**



Indianapolis Coin Club looking for 2006 Leaders

It is about that time of the year again when the Indianapolis Coin Club is looking for people to step up and become Officers and Members of the Board. There will be a few openings on the board this year and we need new people to fill those voids. The board meets a minimum of four times per year with the meetings usually lasting an hour, occasionally longer. Many positions are open and nominations are welcome by any member of the club. Please, if you have any questions feel free to ask a current board member what the tasks and responsibilities are. You must be prepared to put forth some work and effort into the position that you are running for to continue with the success of the club. The officers positions that are up for election follows: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Sargent-at-Arms, and Editor. There are also three Board Member positions.

These positions must be filled for our club to keep its Non-profit status in the state of Indiana and to run as an organization. The responsibilities of each position is listed in the bylaws available either on the website at: www.indianapoliscoinclub.org or by contacting Vinton Dove for a copy. These copies are also available at the Club meetings. So, now is the time to be thinking about whether you would be interested in one of the positions. The success of the club is only as good as those who volunteer!

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Interesting Bit of History

Before 1793 there was various types of coins used by the colonies. In 1793 the United States began coining the half-cent and large cent and in 1794 they began minting the half-dimes, half dollars, silver dollars followed by the eagle \$10 gold piece and gold half eagle in 1795.

The following is a list of the medals used:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Battle</i>	<i>Hero who led the victory</i>
1776	Boston	Washington
1777	Saratoga	General Gates Col. DeFleury Major Stevart
1779	Paulus Hook	Major Henry Lee
1779	Capture of Serapis	Capt. John Paul Jones
1781	Cowpens	General Morgan Colonel Howard William Washington
1781	Eutaw Springs	General Greene
1781	Yorktown	Libertas Americana

be a more tangible expression of gratitude. Since none of the Lee medals have survived it still leaves the medal count at 11.

The easiest part of the medals was when Congress authorized them. It was easy to vote and approve them, but no one thought about how they were going to be provided. The United States was not making ordinary coinage at this time and did not have any facilities. With a committee appointed by Congress, France was asked to provide artistic support. The French Academy provided the best designers and inscriptionist to engrave the dies. The medals were struck at the best facility in the world at the time which was the Paris Mint.

Even after designing, engraving dies, and finding a facility to strike the medals it still took eight years to complete the project even with the help of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and David Humphrey. Finally in 1789 Jefferson brought two complete sets of medals, one in silver and one in pewter, back from France. Jefferson personally delivered the silver set to General Washington. The set now resides at the Massachusetts Historical Society. The pewter set was for Mr. Jefferson himself. This pewter set unfortunately has been lost.

Story by..... Raymond Hoehn

Twelve years before the nation began it's own coinage it authorized metals to celebrate major victories in the Revolutionary War. A gold or silver medal was awarded to the hero who led the victory with additional pieces struck in copper using the same dies. There were 12 medals produced but only 11 were authorized by Congress. The Liberatas Americana was not authorized by Congress but the Minister of France who was at that time Benjamin Franklin acted on his own. Congress thanked Count deGrasse and Count deRochanbeau for the help the French provided at Yorktown in 1781. Franklin thought that there should



BACK TO SCHOOL



Treasurer's Report June 2005

Income:
None Received

Expenses:

Meat & Cheese Tray (picnic)	\$39.99
Paper Goods (picnic)	\$10.60
2 Liter Drinks (picnic)	\$ 1.16
Snacks for meeting	\$17.49
Drinks for meeting	\$ 4.80
Newsletter Printing	\$21.12
Newsletter Postage	\$22.57
Buns (picnic)	<u>\$ 3.27</u>
Total Expenses	\$121.00

May Checkbook Balance \$3,123.35
June Checkbook Balance \$3,002.35

ICC CD's Balance \$16,869.80

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Kreck - Treasurer



Treasurer's Report July 2005

Income:
50/50 Drawing \$21.00

Expenses:

None Reported

June Checkbook Balance \$3,002.35
July Checkbook Balance \$3,023.35

ICC CD's Balance \$16,930.65

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