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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 Marion County Library Service Center at 24th and Meridian Streets) 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 \$10.00 per year, junior membership dues are \$5.00 per year.

## ANA TO CELEBRATE 200,000th MEMBER WITH PRIZE DRAWING

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) will welcome its 200,000th member this Fall, and is conducting a new-member contest to celebrate the occasion.

"Everyone who joins the ANA, and every individual or club who sponsor a new ANA member between September 17, 2001, and January 31, 2002, automatically will be entered in the drawing," says ANA Membership Director Rudy Bahr.

The first-prize winner and his or her guest will receive a choice of four nights at the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel, site of the ANA World's Fair of Money® next summer, or a one-week scholarship for Summer Seminar 2002 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Second prize is a 2000 one-ounce gold American Eagle, and

third prize is a \$100 gift certificate from the ANA MoneyMarket hobby supply catalog.

"In October 1891, the ANA started with five people meeting in Chicago," Bahr says. "Since those founding days, more than a century ago, the ANA—America's coin club—has enlightened, entertained and informed tens of thousands of collectors around the world.

"Every day is a good time to join or sponsor a membership in the ANA," Bahr adds. "This contest to name our 200,000th member makes it an opportune time to be part of the organization that does the most to promote the hobby and science of numismatics."

All members receive the Association's award-winning, monthly journal, The

Numismatist, access to more than 40,000 books, videos and slide sets in the ANA Library, and many other member benefits. New members also receive the ANA learn-at-home video "Grading Mint State Coins" produced by ANA's School of Numismatics.

Contest rules prohibit ANA staff, officers, members of the Board of Governors and their families from participating in the drawing. The contest is void where prohibited.

For more information or a membership application, contact the ANA Membership Department at 818 N. Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279; phone 719/632-2646; fax 719/634-4085; E-mail at membership@money.org; or visit the ANA web site at www.money.org.

*Our next meetings are scheduled for TUESDAY, September 25, and TUESDAY, October 23, at 7:00 PM at the Library Services Center, 24th and Meridian Sts., Indianapolis (enter parking lot from 24th St.).*

### Officers:

- President: Vinton Dove
- Vice President: Jim Luckey
- Secretary: Allen Dove
- Treasurer: John Phillips
- Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Warden
- Past President: Robert Ware
- Editor/Webmaster: Gail Phillips

### Directors:

- Lawrence Wisthoff
- Donald Black
- Michael Suit
- Coz Raimondi
- Jim Roehrdanz

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## From Our President

The year 2001 has been very good to the Indianapolis Coin Club, so far. We had a successful coin show in March, an excellent Exhibitor's Night in July, many interesting speakers at our meetings, a fun summer social, and I think we have all had a lot of fun this year, so far. This does not happen automatically. Many of our members have put forth many hours of work to make this happen successfully. At this point in the year, I want to recognize just a few of the people who have contributed. As in every organization, a good secretary is necessary to have a good club. My thanks to Allen Dove for his hard work! He has told me that he would like for someone else to take the job in 2002. This is an official call from me to all of you, asking for someone to volunteer. I will not kid you, it is work. It requires several hours of work each month, preparation of a monthly report, and attendance at the meetings, since the Secretary must take the minutes. Thanks, Allen!

Again, I want to recognize our newsletter editor, Gail Phillips. We have an outstanding newsletter which printed and distributed to the members (on time, each month!) and is on the Internet, all thanks to Gail. It is a marvelous publication. Thanks, Gail!

John Phillips has done an excellent job as Treasurer. Like the Secretary and Newsletter Editor, it is a job which requires several hours each month, including a monthly report, and John has performed the job in a highly competent manner. Thanks John!

There are many others, but I will address their contributions in a later edition.

## Treasurer's Report

September 2001

### INCOME

Dues	\$10.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Newsletter	\$ 18.14
State Quarter Kits	36.75
State Quarter Rolls	25.00
5/3 Bank CD	1250.00
Refreshments	36.04
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1365.93</b>

**Net Expenses** **\$1355.93**

**Balance in Checking 9/1/01 - \$2598.26**

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Jim Roehrdanz gave a talk on the different grading services at our August meeting. I found it very interesting that the services would grade the same coin at different levels, but seemed consistent in their grading (on resubmissions). Thanks Jim!

Don't forget the following events:

**Sept. 29**, Putnam County Coin Club's Coin Show, Ramada Inn, Cloverdale, IN

**Sept. 30**, Logansport Coin Club's Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Logansport, IN

**Oct. 14**, 71st Street Show, (Second Sunday Show), 2100 E. 71st St., Indy

**Nov. 2 & 3**, (Fri. and Sat.) ISNA 43rd Annual Coin Show, Marriott Hotel, 7202 E. 21st Street, Indy

**March 17, 2002**, our own Indianapolis Coin Club's Coin Show, Ramada Inn, US 31 @ I-465, south side of Indy

And most of all, come to our meeting, **TUESDAY, Sept. 25**, at the Library Service Center, 24th and Meridian Streets, in Indy!!!!

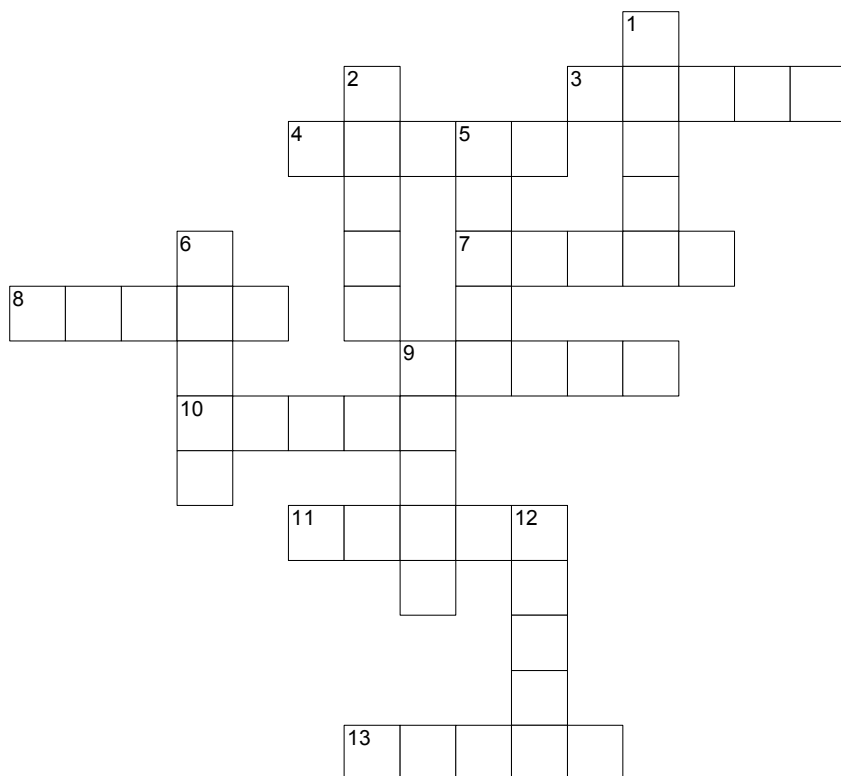
Please save Nov. 2 & 3 for the ISNA (Indiana State Numismatic Association) show. The club will need members to volunteer their help to ISNA, as we have done in the past, as well as attending the show.

The club is a success because YOU, the members ATTEND the meetings and ENJOY the club and coin collecting. Let's keep up the good work!

-Vinton Dove

# Puzzle Page

This month's puzzle involves five-letter words associated with coins in the Red Book. Do this puzzle, and win a nifty prize!



## Coin World Trivia:

1. A coin bearing a CC Mint mark was struck at what U.S. Mint?
2. Who are depicted on the Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary commemorative half dollar?
3. Of the current Mint facilities in operation, which is the newest?
4. How many stars does Miss Liberty face on the 1804 dollar?

(answers elsewhere in this issue)

Constructed using Crossword Weaver

### ACROSS

- 3 Nova Constellatio type
- 4 Alternate for use as coin
- 7 Bearded President born April 27, 1822
- 8 One type of a shiny collector's set
- 9 Early copper 'denarium'
- 10 Minter's mistake
- 11 Cincinnati center commemorative
- 13 Alternate word for 'planchet'

### DOWN

- 1 Women's rights advocate first name
- 2 Farthing or halfpenny token by Lovelace, New \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Feathered American icon
- 6 Fairly recent commemorative has this country's map depicted
- 9 English tradesman's token, Franklin \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 Fugio links

## August Puzzle Solution



The crossword puzzle winner for July was Vinton Dove, (even though one of his answers was incorrect!) since he was the only entry. Give him some competition this month! Thanks for participating!



## German Colonial Notgeld

by Michael Suit

German Notgeld is becoming a very hot collectible. It is reasonably easy to find, colorful and inexpensive. Recently there have been a few good reference works published that make valuing and cataloguing Notgeld, especially German Notgeld, much easier. As many of you know, I have been collecting Notgeld for many years. The largest portion of my collection is German *serienscheine*, or small change. These notes were primarily issued between 1918 and 1922. These were issued by towns and businesses to help address the lack of coinage during and immediately after World War I. Most of the notes were issued in series of 3 or 4 notes, but some notes were issued individually, and others in series of 10 or more notes. Popular methods of collecting these notes include topical (notes with animals, city scenes, or a related topic) and collecting from a particular city, state or region. I have taken on the task of trying to collect all the different examples of *serienscheine* that I can.

I would like to share with you the history behind some of my recent acquisitions. These include two series of notes issued in Neustadt that commemorate the overseas colonies of Germany. The first series dealt with the German colonies in Africa, and contains notes for Togo, Kamerun (Cameroon), and Deutsch Southwest Africa and is the topic of this article.

Togo was a German colony from 1884 till the end of World War I, at which point the western portion was administered by England as part of the Gold Coast under a

League of Nations Mandate. In 1957 the Gold Coast became independent, as Ghana. Western Togo was included as part of the new state. The eastern portion was administered by France, under the same League of Nations Mandate (later United Nations Trusteeship) from 1918 to 1960 when it became independent, as the Republic of Togo.

Cameroon was a German protectorate from 1884 till World War I. During the war, Cameroon was invaded by the British and the French, and after the war was split between them under the same League of Nations mandate that split Togo. The British Cameroons consisted of the Northern and Southern Cameroons, which were separated by a 72-km (45-mi) strip along the Benue River. The northern territory, peopled by tribes of Sudanese origin, was administered as a part of Northern Nigeria. The

**S o u t h e r n  
C a m e r o o n s ,** peopled by a variety of tribes, was administered as part of the Nigerian federation but had a locally elected legislature. The French Cameroons was administered as a separate territory. After World War II ended in 1945, the mandates were made trust territories of the United Nations (UN). In 1958, the French portion was granted self government, followed by full independence as a republic on January 1, 1960. The following year the UN sponsored a plebiscite in the British

Cameroons. As a result, the Southern Cameroons joined the Republic of Cameroon to form the Federal Republic of Cameroon in October 1961, while the Northern Cameroons joined Nigeria.

German Southwest Africa was created in 1884. In 1915, during World War I, the German colony was conquered by military forces of the Union (now Republic) of South Africa. In 1920, the League of Nations granted South Africa mandate over the territory. In 1946, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly requested that South Africa submit a trusteeship agreement to the UN but South Africa refused to do so. In June 1971, the International Court of Justice ruled that the South African presence in Namibia (Southwest Africa) was illegal. South Africa, however, continued to govern the territory. In December 1988, South Africa allowed the territory to become independent as the Republic of Namibia.



*Ed. Note: Thanks for pulling my fat out of the fire, Mike!*



## **Secretary's Report**

The meeting was called to order by our president, Vinton Dove. Vinton urged everyone to turn in their crossword puzzle entries to our Newsletter Editor, Gail Phillips. Vinton announced that someone turned in a box containing archival material that he will go through soon. He announced that this is the last Monday meeting of the year. The rest of the meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Jim Roehrdanz, an ICC Director, distributed some coins for the members to examine and grade for discussion during his presentation later in the meeting.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read.

Vice President, Jim Luckey, requested input from members as to what kind of topics or programs we would like for the monthly meetings. He also stated that the ICC needs to get together with CSNS and ISNA. The display that Jim and Dr. Gerth, submitted at the CSNS show in Dearborn, Michigan, took first place. Jim suggested that we each get a display together and exhibit it at the next show.

Junior members in attendance were greeted.

John Phillips, ICC Treasurer, discussed the date for the ICC coin show in March and said that the contracts had been signed for the banquet hall.

Vinton listed the dates for the next four coin shows.

After the break, Vinton discussed an auction in Terre Haute on September 16th. For more information, see Julian Jarvis.

This month's dealer showcase presenter was Charles Alber. He presented Canadian halves and dollars.

Vinton suggested going through your coin collection and making sure it is current and up-to-date. He also said that Julian has the Red Book in hard and soft back.

Vermont statehood quarters (P and D) were distributed by the junior members.

Gail Phillips, ICC Newsletter Editor, said that there were no correct entries in the crossword puzzle challenge.

Jim Roehrdanz was this month's featured presenter, and his topic was coin grading. He discussed the different grading services, ways of having coins graded, grading sheets and publications, ways to ship your coins, differences in graded coin holders, cross-over grading, and opinions on which services are better. He also gave the results of the member -graded coins.

Vinton thanked the officer and directors for their great work. In particular he thanked the following - Jim Luckey for the Junior Program; Gail for continued excellence on the newsletter; John for his work as Treasurer in getting the financials in working order; and Cos Raimondi, ICC Director, for his work on the ICC Coin Show. He also reminded the members not to leave any food or trash in the meeting room.

Cos reminded everyone that when buying a coin, don't rely upon the grading service. Buy the coin, not the plastic holder.

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### **The Variety Side**

*by Jim Brown, Fort Wayne Coin Club Director  
(article from March 2000 issue of The Chatter)*

The next two months in the Variety Side, I will be writing about varieties that are of the fraudulent nature. These are coins that have been intentionally altered with the intent to defraud someone. It is not illegal to alter a coin; it is only illegal when it is done with the intent to defraud. As most of us know, this happens far too often. The tips that I will be giving in these next two articles are by no means exhaustive, but if they will help just one person to not buy an altered coin, it will be worth my while.

Grading services report that the most often encountered altered coin at shows presently is the 1916 D Mercury dime. The U.S. coin that has the highest number of alterations is the Lincoln Cent. The 1916 D Mercury dime, in a decent condition, has long been recognized as one that will cost about an average worker's weekly wage. It has long been looked at as the key to the set. As such, it has certainly attracted the attention of counterfeiters. Sometimes they take a D off a common date Mercury and put it on a 1916 Philadelphia issue. Sometimes they take a 1916 S dime and tool the "S" mintmark. Sometimes they take a 1916 obverse, and mate it with a common date Denver mint re-

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# KID'S CORNER



This month's contest: Bring the weirdest coin you have with you to the meeting! Win a prize!

## The Buffalo Returns

What could be more American than a buffalo and a Native American from the Old West? These icons have graced our nickels from 1913 until 1939, when they were replaced with the images of Thomas Jefferson and his home, Monticello.

Why is that news? Because those original images, designed by James Earle Fraser, appeared again on June 7, this time on a commemorative silver dollar. And here's some more news. The American buffalo (actually a bison) was nearly extinct, but thanks to government protection, herds are once more beginning to flourish in the western United States. So the buffalo is returning in more ways than one. The American Buffalo Commemorative Coin program includes a "proof" version and an "uncirculated" version.



## OLD AND NEW - A RECYCLED DESIGN

M O T I R R B R D Q R G B  
 R V C L N L D M A X J I M  
 T E D R N D G O P L S V Z  
 H R O J C J I V V O L O R  
 R D U C T D K A N E L O N  
 E A B F M N P L N A R T D  
 E T L K Y U X V F H R S V  
 L E E C D O Q F V C E R Q  
 E F D T W M U L G M L A T  
 G R D M Q B X N R T M H D  
 G N I C K E L D X T C T X  
 E R E S A R F E S E M A J  
 D D N O M A I D K C A L B

- BISON
- BLACK DIAMOND
- BUFFALO
- DOLLAR
- DOUBLED DIE
- D OVER S
- INDIAN HEAD
- JAMES E FRASER
- MOUND
- NICKEL
- OVER DATE
- THREE LEGGED



Contest 2:  
 Write a 50-word or less paragraph about Sacagawea and/or the golden dollar. Win a prize!

verse after they have cut the two coins in half. There have even been some struck counterfeits made by the more skillful counterfeiters.

One of the three major grading services says that about 75% of all 1916 D Mercury dimes submitted for authentication and grading are fake.

There were 264,000 1916 D dimes made in Denver. Four different reverse dies were used. The D Mint mark was punched into the dies by hand, using a hammer and punch. Because of


this, all four of the reverse dies are different. Die #1 has the Mint mark up high, very near the leaf. On Die #2, the Mint mark is a repunched D over D North. It is about medium high, near the leaf. Die #3 is also a repunched Mint mark, lower, farther from the leaf. Die #4 is the lowest of the four dies, farthest from the leaf.

In 1916, only the small D punch was used. This Mint mark is distinctive. The top and bottom notches stick out and must be parallel to one another. In 1917, both the large and small D punch was used.

Another alteration I want to mention is the 1932 D Washington quarter. The genuine Mint marks on these will usually have the appearance that they are sitting in a hole, or that they are smeared or have machine doubling. If the Mint mark is clear and crisp, or has the appearance that it has been typed on with a typewriter, beware! Also, watch for added D Mint marks on high grade 1936 D Washingtons.

One last tip this month - beware of fake clips on the new Statehood Quarters and the Sacagawea Dollars!


Coin World Trivia Answers: 1. Carson City Mint (Nevada) 2. Admiral Coligny and William the Silent 3. The Philadelphia Mint (opened in 1969) 4. Six



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**This month's educational program will be presented by Dr. Robert Gerth , who will be talking about "Coin Production Before the Mint Act of 1792".  
Don't miss it!**

### Upcoming Shows

**Putnam County Coin Club Coin Show**  
**Saturday, September 29, 9 AM - 5 PM**  
**Ramada Inn I-70 & Hwy 231**  
**Cloverdale**

**Logansport Coin Club Coin Show**  
**Sunday September 30, 10 AM - 4 PM**  
**Holiday Inn at US 24 E**  
**Free Admission**