



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 Firemen'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.

# Indianapolis Coin Club

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## ISNA Show Approaching; Volunteers Needed

Some pertinent information for the ISNA Show that will be taking place this November - the only auction this year is for the Juniors. Registration for the Junior Auction begins at 12 Noon, Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002. The auction will begin at 1:00 P.M. The Junior Auction is being held in the hallway across from the new "Liberty Hall" where the bourse dealers are located. The ISNA Show Dealers, as well as ISNA members donate the coins, supplies and reference books to the Junior

Auction. The juniors are given \$300.00 (fake, naturally) with which to bid. Through the year, they have opportunities to earn extra points to procure even more money with which to bid. Those guidelines are always printed in the Winter Issue of the ISNA News. This is the 15th year for the Junior Auction program and it continues to grow in numbers as well as donations. The kids have a great time, so do the parents. The auctioneer also asks many coin related questions during the

auction and the kids receive a coin item -when answered correctly. ANA is also donating 500 coins for a Coin Trivia quiz taking place during the auction, also. The auction is now lasting very close to 3 hours, due to so many donations, but it's very much appreciated by everyone.  
 - Joyce Fischer

*Editor's Note - We will need volunteers for the ICC info table - sign up at the meeting, October 28.*

## Survey Results In; Banquet to be Held at Meeting Hall

The results of the survey that was in the August newsletter are in - all 13 responses. Due to lack of participation in the survey, the board voted in favor of hosting our December Banquet at our Meeting Hall, but to have it catered. Tom Ferwerda is our Banquet Chairperson. Just so you know, we had 9 votes for the \$10-15 range, 2 votes for the \$5-10 range, and one vote for the >\$10 range. 7 people voted in favor of a restaurant, while 4 voted for the meeting hall. 9 voted for catered, while

only one vote was tallied for a pitch-in.

As far as the coin trivia contest answers went, we had 7 votes in favor of both adult and junior contests, 3 adults only and one junior only.

Charts are on page 3 for the remaining results. So are the questions that were in the survey, to refresh you memory. If you have any questions, please see Allen Dove or Gail Phillips at the October Meeting.

Our next meetings are scheduled for Monday, October 28, and Monday, November 25, 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: Jim Roehrdanz, Secretary: Allen Dove, Treasurer: Vinton Dove, Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Warden. Past President: Vinton Dove  
 Editor/Webmaster: Gail Phillips

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

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## From Our President

The board of directors met before last month's meeting, accomplishing the following: we elected Jim Roehrdanz to fill the vice-president position that he had been performing via a temporary appointment from me, we elected Vinton Dove as treasurer, to fill John Phillips position as treasurer, when he resigned due to work schedule conflicts, we elected Charles Alber as a board member, we approved \$500 to pay Gail Phillips to maintain the web site and to produce and mail the monthly newsletter for next year, we approved Tom Ferwerda to chair the catered Christmas party, we approved Karl Kreck to chair the 2003 coin show on Sunday March 16th, and we approved the monthly meetings for 2003 on the 4th Monday of each month, except May, which will be Tuesday after Memorial Day.

The monthly meeting followed the board meeting. A great presentation was given by Donn Wray, a friend of Jim Roehrdanz's, on Philippine issues.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Dale Cook, and Jerry Lebo won the puzzle quiz.

We will have an auction for the October meeting. Come and be prepared to buy some great values.

- Jim Luckey



**Texas Statehood Quarter Design Proposals**



## Treasurer's Report

### **INCOME**

50/50 Drawing	9.00
Dues	<u>12.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21.00</b>

### **EXPENDITURES**

Newsletter Printing	29.35
Postage	23.35
Prizes-Exhibit Night	28.85
ICC Promotion at the Indiana Quarter Introduction	180.62
Refreshments	40.95
Stationery	<u>28.65</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>331.77</b>

**Net Expenditures 310.77**

**Balance in Checking at 10/01/02 \$2,876.84**



## Secretary's Report

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Luckey at 7:00 PM. 23 members and guests were present, including one Junior Member. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. President Luckey made the following announcements: John Phillips resigned, since he was unable to make the meetings due to his job; Vinton Dove has been appointed by the Board of Directors to replace John as Treasurer for the remainder of 2002; Charles Alber has been appointed a Director by the Board to fill a vacant position; the Christmas Party will be held at the meeting hall and will be catered; the Board is seeking to have a harpist play at the Christmas Party; Karl Kreck is appointed Chairman of the ICC Coin Show, to be held on Sunday, March 16, 2003; Jim Roehrdanz is appointed Vice President; and business cards are available to the members to publicize the Club.

The club's newest member, Donn Wray, was the speaker for the evening. He made a highly informative presentation on Philippine currency, issued from 1903 to 1946. He circulated scanned copies of many Philippine notes, and a rather long discussion on currency followed his presentation.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Dale Cook. The puzzle prize was won by Life Member, Jerry Lebo, who was the only member to submit a correct puzzle solution. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

# Puzzle Page

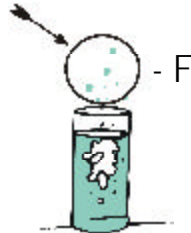
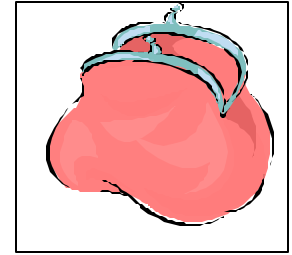
The puzzle page is a bit squeezed this month -

I needed the room for the survey results!

You know the drill - solve the puzzle, enter the drawing,

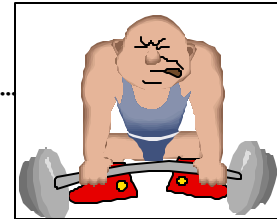
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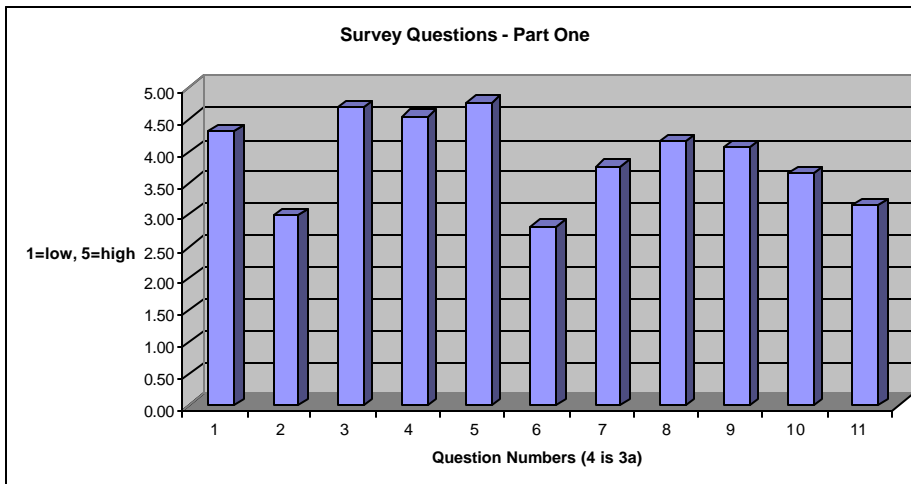


- B.F.

## September Puzzle Solution

Money is like an arm or leg - use it or lose it.

Jerry Lebo won the September Rebus Puzzle!  
Congratulations, Jerry!

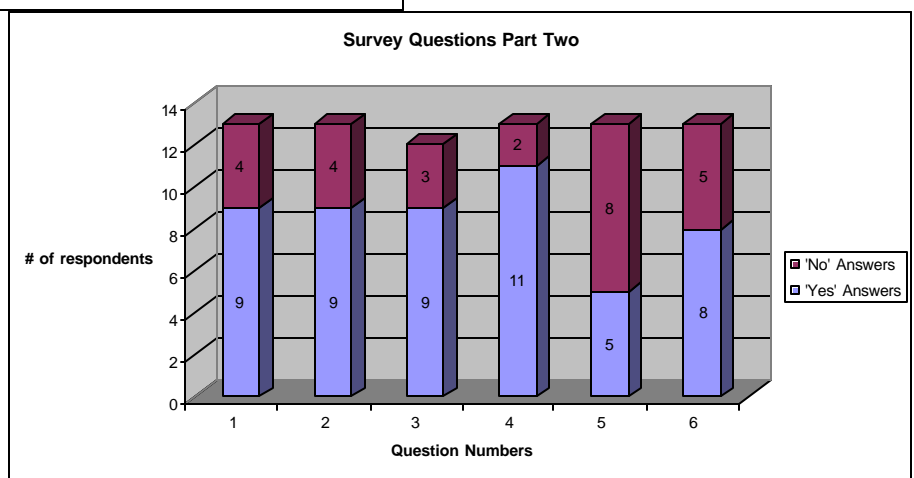


Do you like:

1. Monthly meetings w/educational programs?
2. Refreshments at meetings?
3. Club Newsletter?
4. Website?
5. Club Coin Show?
6. Summer Social?
7. Exhibit night?
8. December Banquet?
9. Dealers' tables at the meetings?
10. 50/50 drawing?
11. Puzzle prizes?

Number of 'Yes' answers out of 13

1. Monthly auctions at our meetings?
2. Quarterly auctions at our meetings?
3. Semi-annual auctions at our meetings?
4. Tour the Firehouse Museum?
5. Riverboat Casino outing?
6. Hands-on coin workshop for juniors?





Corner

## John Maag's

### Echoes of Empire

Modern Coinage Reflecting German Colonial Themes

Amazingly, the end of Germany's colonial empire in 1918 wasn't necessarily a given prior to WWII. During the 1930's, the British, who had inherited the bulk of the German colonies in Africa, had actually considered the possibility of returning them to Germany in an unsuccessful attempt to avoid a war with the Third Reich. There was also something in Germany called the "Reichskolonialbund" - "imperial colony federation" - which lobbied for the return of the colonies and issued this medal in 1933, which featured the design of a naked man running through a barbed wire fence with the words, "Mehr Raum" - "more space". Its reverse featured a map showing exotic animals and some of the names of various cities in the former German colonies.

Although discussed, nothing ever came out of this, and although German troops fought in the famed "Afrika Korps" under Erwin Rommel during WWII, it wasn't in the part that had been controlled by the Kaiser's empire. Of course, after WWII, the winners gave up all their colonies as years went on, as part of the anti-colonial movement. Here and

there, various small enclaves throughout the world still remain connected with the old empires in some way, such as the British commonwealth, but none of Germany's former colonies remain connected to Germany in any way. Unlike former British or French colonies, none of them utilize the monetary systems that were in use during German rule.

Almost a century later, there have been some echoes of the German heritage in coinage in a few of the countries. IN 1994 Papau New Guinea (the former German New



Guinea) issued a series of coins honoring the centennial of the German "Bird of Paradise" coinage in the following denominations: sil-



ver five kina KM37, silver twenty-five kina KM36 and gold fifty kina KM38. However, like the coins they honored, the new issues featured small mintages and are scarce to rare. The five kina mintage was 7,500, the twenty-five kina was 1,000, and the gold fifty kina,

1,500. All three coins feature the "bird of Paradise" design utilized in 1894, although the twenty-five kina, a large-sized silver piece of over four ounces, has the bird enameled in color. The other side's feature is the current coat of arms in a wreath similar to the original German coins with the words "Papua New Guinea, the dates 1894-1994, and the denominations. The current Papua New Guinea emblem, incidentally, is a modernized version of the "Bird of Paradise" design of 1894.

The most extensive and interesting series reflecting the German colonial coinage was issued in 1999 by a country that had no coinage under the German empire, the Republic of Palau. Palau is a group of about 100 islands that is generally considered part of the Caroline Islands. They are approximately 1,000

miles southeast of Manila, and about the same distance southwest of Saipan. They have an area of about 179 square miles, a population of 12,116, and the capital is Koror. The islands were administered by Spain as part of the Caroline Islands group. In 1899, shortly after Spain's defeat in the Spanish-American War, they were sold to Germany. Germany held them until 1914, when the

Japanese seized them. Japan continued to hold the islands under a League of Nations mandate, until they were taken by the Allies in 1944, with the heaviest fighting taking place on Peleliu.

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In 1947, the Republic of Palau became part of the US Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. In 1980, they became internally self-governing and independent. Control over foreign policy, except defense, was given in 1986, and full independence in 1995.

In 1999, for the centennial of the sale of the islands to Germany, Palau issued a nine-coin series of silver five dollar pieces. Except for KM16, which features a design based on the 1899 Spanish five peseta piece of Alfonso XIII (1886-1931), with his portrait as a child on the reverse and the Spanish royal arms on the obverse, the coin designs commemorate German ownership.



KM17 is based on the Prussian five mark coin of 1891-1908, showing the German imperial eagle on the obverse, and Kaiser Wilhelm II's bust on the reverse.



KM18 depicts a portrait of an elephant based on the German East African 15-rupien of 1906 on the obverse, and a portrait of General Paul Von Lettow Vorbeck with the German colonial arms for German East Africa and the legend, "Deutsch Ost Afrika" on the reverse.

KM19 shows a portrait of Kaiser Wilhelm I (King of Prussia from 1861-1888 and German emperor from 1871-1888), based on the five mark coin of Prussia issued from 1874-1876, with the German colonial arms for German Cameroons on the obverse, and a standing "Germania" on the reverse.



KM20 features ships in a harbor on the obverse, and, on the reverse is the legend, "Deutsch Kiautschou" with a colonial emblem reminiscent of the five- and ten-cent coins issued in 1909.



KM21 shows a large ship on the obverse, with the coat of arms and the legend, "Deutsch New Guinea" on the reverse.



KM22 features a portrait of Wilhelm II based on the German East Africa coins of 1890-1914, with the reverse showing the arms and the words, "Deutsch Samoa".



# KID'S CORNER



## Deposit these Fun Facts in your memory bank:

They felt "safe as Fort Knox." Citizens of Denver took refuge in the old Denver Mint building in 1864 when they heard rumors of possible Indian attacks.



How much was in that first batch? The Mint produced its first circulating coins ---all \$111.78 worth of them -- in March 1793. That first batch consisted of 11,178 copper cents. Soon after, the Mint began issuing gold and silver coins as well.



## Euros Join Quarters

The big news in June was a great new collection that went up for sale by the Mint...**the 5 new quarters for 2002 and Europe's 12 new 1-euro coins**, packaged together. The 12 uncirculated one-euro coins come from each of the 12 European Union nations that are taking part: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain. The five uncirculated quarters are for 2002's five states: Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, and Mississippi, each with a "D" (Denver) mint mark.

The set also supplies great history and coin design facts, where you can learn about the symbols on both the euros and the quarters, and the histories of how both coins came to be.

# Mississippi Statehood Quarter

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

- BLUES
- COCA COLA
- DELTA
- JACKSON
- MAGNOLIA
- MOCKINGBIRD
- PIERRE MAGNOL
- RIVER
- STEAMBOAT
- TRANSPLANT



Upcoming Coin Shows:

Oct 19-20 South Bend

Coin & Currency Show. Comfort Suites, 52939 S.R. 933 N. Sat: 10AM-5PM; Sun: 10AM-3PM.  
Dave's Collectibles, Dave Brody, POB 724, South Bend, IN 46624. 219-272-9198. Tables: 12-15. Free.

Oct 20 Merrillville

Tri-Cities Coin Show. Serbian American Hall, 8700 Taft St., State Hwy. #55 Hrs.: 9AM-4PM. Merrillville & Hobart Coin Clubs. Don Wilickas, 1210 Woodhollow Ct., Schererville, IN 46375. PH: 219-322-1401. Email: wilickas@earthlink.net Tables: 30 (25). Admission.

Nov 1-2 Indianapolis

ISNA 44th Annual Coin Show. Indianapolis Marriott, 7202 E. 21st St. & Shadeland. Hrs.: Fri. 10AM-6PM, Sat. 10AM-5PM.  
Indiana State Numismatic Assoc. Joyce Fischer, POB 2624, Anderson, IN 46018-2624. PH: 765-649-0253. Tables: 100. Free.

Any member who wishes to run for any office in the upcoming election may do so, whether slated or not. It is not mandatory that you submit a formal letter to the president in order to compete. Candidates other than those slated by the committee may be nominated by endorsement of at least three members in good standing and submitted to the secretary no later than November 1. Get three of your friends to nominate you, and your hat is in the ring! Submissions to the newsletter stating your positions, aspirations, and ideas for the club, as well as reasons you should be elected need to be made by November 5, either by mail or email. To expedite this process, please mail directly to Gail Phillips, 6290 Shelby St., Indianapolis, IN 46227 or [Indianapolis\\_Coin\\_Club@att.net](mailto:Indianapolis_Coin_Club@att.net).

2003 Dues envelopes will be in next month's newsletter - please remit your dues to the club P.O. Box ASAP! Still a bargain at \$12 - adults, \$5 - juniors.

**WELCOME TO DONN WRAY, OUR NEWEST MEMBER! GLAD TO HAVE YOU ABOARD!**

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This month, there will be no educational program, but there will be an auction. Members can bring 5 coins to auction, and get one bid on their own coin. Don't miss it!

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KM23 shows a portrait of Wilhelm II that was used on the Prussian five-mark coins of 1913-1914, with the legend, "Deutsch Sudwestafrika" on the obverse, with a colonial trooper mounted on a camel and the arms for that colony on the reverse.



All of the coins also have the legend, "Republic of Palau", along with either German or Spanish lettering related to the designs of the coins. The KM17 coin even had the full legend of, "Wilhelm II Deustcher Kaiser Koenig Von Prussenas" appearing on the prototype.

The final coin, KM24, features a seated Germania on the obverse that was utilized on the 100-mark notes of 1908-1910 (see page 4), and the reverse has the legend, "Deutsch Togo", and the arms for that colony.



Almost a century after Germany's colonial empire came to an end, echoes of that era were reflected in some modern coins from some of those former possessions.