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## **THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</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:**

**“Love Tokens”  
by Andy Nahrwold**

**Next Months Meeting Date & Program:**

**Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, at 7 pm.**

**“Annual State of the Hobby Address” by Mark Eberhardt**

*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/>

Dear Indianapolis Coin Club:

Attending coin shows, visiting the local coin shop, and attending coin club meetings, rather than purchasing coins over the Internet, offers many advantages to the collector. My experiences this past month reinforces to me that "person to person" contact in coin collecting is beneficial to the collector. This contact keeps the hobby going.

My recent attendance at the Indiana Kentucky Ohio -Token and Medal Society Annual Show earlier this month was an example. Dealers who had extensive knowledge of Indiana tokens and medals had tables. It was the place to bring that unlisted token or medal to get identified and to learn more about ones you already own. In addition, it was the place to purchase tokens or medals rarely seen elsewhere. A second edition of "Indiana Trade Tokens" compiled by Kevin M. Grant and edited by Ron Vore was available for purchase. Ron Vore could answer any questions about the book and was selling rarely seen Indiana tokens.

The Indiana State Numismatic Association Annual Show was held the following week. Meeting collector friends quashed the idea of a quick perusal of dealers and material at the show. A fellow exhibitor from Ohio and I had an extended discussion about new exhibits. A noted token and medal collector from near Indianapolis came in and answered questions about local medals which could not be found anywhere else. Discussion with these and other collectors went on for an hour and a half! Needless to say, the quick perusal was postponed for the next day.

The next day included meeting a young collector to help find the best deal in the "marketplace" and to have lunch. After lunch, our own Mark Eberhardt, FUBA coins, came up with "splashes" or items from a die trial. Our own Joseph E. Boling had to be called in to identify the "splashes," which appeared to be made of lead. The splashes were all uniface, 39-40 mm in diameter; some were loose, some were in 2x2's, and others were in capsules. These pieces are believed to be die trials used to determine alignments and striking pressures. Only by getting to know a local coin dealer who knows different areas one collects, and knowing another club member who could identify the pieces, could valuable material like this be found and identified. At the show, Indianapolis Coin Club vice president Michael White also distributed a limited number of ANACS holder coins identified exclusively for the ISNA. Thanks!

The "people to people" part of coin collecting cannot be found on the Internet. There is a very useful and diverse amount of knowledge to be gained from other participants at regional, state and local coin shows. Attendance at coin club meetings and visits with a coin dealer who knows what you collect and at the local coin shop provides valuable education to the collector.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the coin club meeting on Mon., Oct. 26 at 7:00 p.m. and the presentation by Andy Nahrwold to learn about "Love Tokens." See you there!

Jeff Bercovitz, President

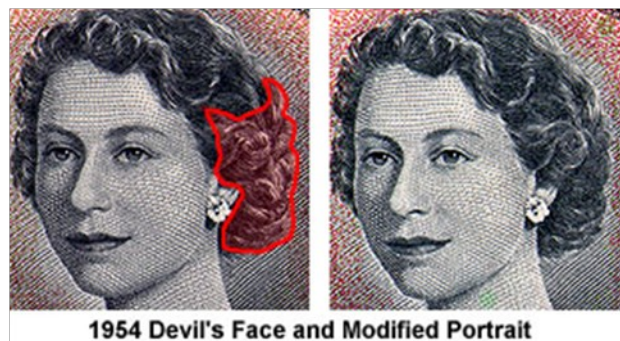
## From the Editor

Well, I had planned to write an article previewing the topic of the educational program I'm giving this month on Love Tokens, but I found the following article on Devil's Face Notes to be so interesting, I couldn't pass it up.

It's also my turn to sponsor the door prize. Last year, I donated the first modern commemorative coin, the 1982 George Washington 250th Anniversary half dollar. This year, I'm going the opposite direction, donating the last classic commemorative coins: a 1952 George Washington Carver/Booker T. Washington commemorative half dollar. Good luck to all!

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## Currency of the month 1954 Canada Devils Face Notes



This month's currencies of the month are the 1954 Canadian Devils Face notes. The reason they are called Devil's Face is due to the shading of the curls behind her ear that resembles a Devil's face. Some claim an anti-royal sympathizer placed the image deliberately. Actually, conventional wisdom holds the creation of the image is coincidence.

The source of the portrait comes from a photograph taken by Yusuf Karsh in 1951. In that picture Elizabeth is wearing a tiara and if one examines the hair behind the ear, a faint face can be seen. When the picture was engraved, the engraver removed the tiara and during the engraving process, the facial features became more apparent.

When the notes were released in September 1954, the Devil's face was apparently unnoticed. If it was noticed, it wasn't mentioned. The same portrait appears on all eight denominations of notes issued that year. The denominations were \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 and \$1000. Each bill has text in both English and French and each denomination is printed in a different color. The reverse of each bill shows a different landscape scene from various Canadian locations.

In March 1956, the first complaint about the portrait was printed in a Canadian newspaper. Only after this was the portrait modified. Although the notes were never recalled, they eventually disappeared from circulation. In the year and a half the Devil's face notes were printed with two sets of signatures. There are also asterisk notes which are similar to our star notes. The two set of signatures are J. E. Coyne / G. F. Towers and J. E. Coyne / J. R. Beattie.

A set of eight notes will run about \$3500 to \$4500 in vf condition. If one just wants a single type note, a well circulated \$1 will cost \$5 to \$30 in grades good to vf.

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## **September 28, 2015 - Minutes of the Indianapolis Coin Club Meeting.**

**Open** – Club President, Jeff Bercovitz, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. 29 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, but Mark gave us a “quick update” that the checking balance is \$3,213.77.

**Visitors** – Beth Prosser, Charles and Ruth Alber's daughter and Ting Nahrwold, Andy's wife were introduced.

**Committee Reports** – ISNA Committee: Jeff announced that the Club needs volunteers to man the ICC Table at the ISNA Show on October 9 & 10.

**Old Business** – The MCL Cafeteria, 5520 Castleton corner Lane in the Castleton Square will be the site for the annual ICC Banquet, at 6 PM, on Tuesday, December 1. The Secretary made the reservations. Gift exchange will again be held. If you wish to participate, please bring a (wrapped) gift of \$20.00 value. Questions? Call Vinton at 910-4205.

**New Business** – Life member, Charles Alber was introduced. President Bercovitz made the following announcements: there have been reports of packaging errors from the US Mint in the 2015 \$1.00 American Coin and Currency Set; Coin World Magazine had great photos of the ANA Award winning exhibits published in its Sept. 3, 2015 issue; “Flap, Flutter and Float” Exhibit won the Best In Show award. Board member, Paul Vaughn fell and injured his hip recently. He is at the Village of Avon Rehab facility. His phone number is 317-718-2608. Call between 4:30PM and 8:30 PM; a Medal and Token show will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 2 – 3 at 200 West National Road, (US Route 40,) Englewood, OH 45322. <http://ikotams.tokencatalog.com/>

The President also announced that the 2015 ISNA show will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9 – 10 at the Marriott Hotel, 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Shadeland Ave., in Indianapolis.

**Kills!** Joe Boling attended the Kentucky show and found a rare Russian note in one dealer's Junk box, Shannon Spears found a Red Seal Series 1953 \$2.00 US Note, Jim Sukup found a silver coin at 71<sup>st</sup> and Binford Ave.

**The Educational Program** – September was Exhibit Night. Members exhibiting were Lyle Pelkin, Joe Boling, Louise Boling, Vinton Dove, Jim Warden, Jim Sukup, and Donn Wray. Vinton Dove's exhibit of 2 Cent Pieces won the People's award. Thanks to Donn Wray, who took the Club's budgeted money and purchased the prizes from our own Matt Dinger's shop, the Lost Dutchman Rare Coins at greatly reduced prices.

### **Break.**

The **Attendance Drawing (Door Prize)**, donated by Shannon Spears, was a 1964 Kennedy Half Dollar in Proof condition, and was won by Ivan Lephart.

The **50/50 Drawing** was also won by Ivan Lephart.

**Auction** – Joe Boling ran the auction. Assisting were Bob Bettcher, Donn Wray, Jim Roehrdanz and Vinton Dove.

The meeting was **Adjourned** at approximately 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Vinton Dove, Secretary

**Indianapolis Coin Club**  
General Ledger for **Oct. 2015**

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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** - 'Firsts, Lasts, and Finest Knowns' - by Michael White

*\*Prize sponsor: Michael White*

**July 27, 2015** - 'Coins from US Territories and Possessions' - by Paul Vaughn

*\*Prize sponsor: Paul Vaughn*

**August 24, 2015** - 'Preparing a Numismatic Exhibit' - by Jeff Bercovitz

*\*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*

**Tuesday, 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.*