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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 \$12.00 per year, junior membership dues are \$5.00 per year.

## Elections to Take Place at November Meeting

The nominating committee has presented the following slate of officers:

- Jim Luckey - President
- Mike Suit - Vice-President
- Secretary - Allen Dove
- Treasurer - John Phillips
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Jim Warden
- Editor - Gail Phillips
- Director - Coz Raimondi
- Director - Lawrence Wisthoff
- Director - Jim Roehrdanz
- Director - Karl Kreck (1-year replacement for Ron Keyler)

The Secretary received no other nominations from the membership prior to November 1. **Make sure you bring your membership card with you to vote!**

**REMEMBER TO SEND IN YOUR DUES AND BANQUET MONEY! FILL OUT THE FORM ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS ISSUE!**

*Our next meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY, November 27, at 7:00 PM at the Library Services Center, 24th and Meridian Sts., Indianapolis (enter parking lot from 24th St.). There is no December meeting.*

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## From Our President

Election Day is coming! Tuesday, November 27 is the election of officers at our regular meeting. We will also have 2001-P Kentucky quarters and Indianapolis Railway transit tokens at the meeting.

The Indiana State Numismatic Association's annual coin show is now history. It was, in my judgement, a great show, as usual. We manned our table, and at least one new member signed up. The new member is ANA Governor, Patti Finner. Welcome, Patti!!! Doc Gerth captured two of the top awards for his exhibits. I have asked him to show the awards at the meeting as the Dealer Showcase presentation. Our thanks to all the members who manned our table at the show. They include Doc Gerth, Steven Motto, Karl Kreck, Jim Luckey, Lyle Pelkin, Charles Alber, Morris Fix, Don Black, Allen Dove, Mike Suit and Richard Kinnett. I hope I didn't miss anyone, but I was only there 80% of the time. My most heartfelt thanks also go to each and every ICC Board member. This year has been great fun, and the Board put in many hours of work to make it that way. There were many others who also made significant contributions, including Doc Gerth, Jim Goaziou and John Sementa, John Maag, and others. It takes a great deal of work to make a club run well, and we are fortunate to have so many talented people who are willing to contribute so much.

Remember Tuesday, Nov. 27 is the meeting, Monday, Dec. 3 is the banquet, and Sunday, Dec. 9 is the Second Sunday Show.

-Vinton Dove

## Treasurer's Report

November 2001



### INCOME

Interest Edward Jones CD	\$ 449.23
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$449.23</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Newsletter	\$17.06
Add'l printing for ISNA show	98.15
Dec. Banquet deposit	25.00
Kentucky State Quarters	25.00
Refreshments	35.10
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$200.31</b>

**Net Income** \$248.92

**Balance in Checking 11/1/01 - \$2761.40**

**2002 Meeting Dates:**  
**January 28**  
**February 26 (Tue.)**  
**March 26 (Tue.)**  
**April 23 (Tue.)**  
**May 28 (Tue.)**  
**June 25 (Tue.)**  
**July 2**  
**August 26**  
**September 23**  
**October 28**

# Puzzle Page

This month's puzzle deals with the "Coinage of the States" section of the Red Book. Have fun!

The crossword puzzle winner for October was Doc Gerth. There were four other correct entries, including Doc Gerth, Richard Harrison, and Vinton and Allen Dove.

Thanks for participating!

## Coin World Trivia:

1. What state has given the United States more Mint Directors than any other?
2. What two types of 1834 \$5 gold pieces have Crosslet 4s and Plain 4s?
3. Which two men appearing on modern Federal Reserve notes died of gunshot wounds?

(answers elsewhere in this issue)

## October Puzzle Solution

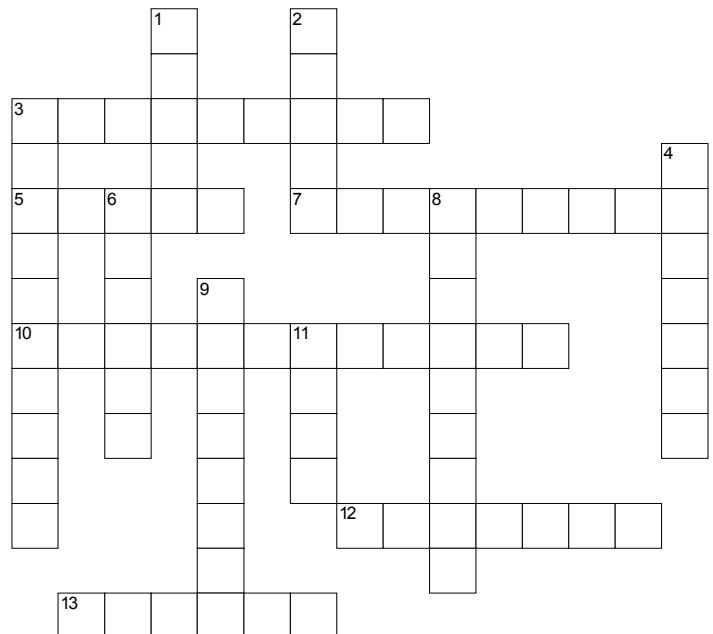


## ACROSS

- 3 Harmon's mint was near this stream
- 5 Number of heads on Janus copper obv.
- 7 Word on rev. of George Clinton piece
- 10 First state to consider coinage after Declaration of Independence
- 12 Massachusetts figure \_\_\_\_\_ of Liberty
- 13 Word on Massachusetts copper

## DOWN

- 1 One Connecticut die sinker
- 2 Item eagle stands on (NY)
- 3 Good insult, or variety of CT coin
- 4 George Washington's goldsmith neighbor
- 6 Location of Cox's operation (NJ)
- 8 Weird inscription on CT piece
- 9 One denomination on shield in front of eagle (1787-88)
- 11 Farm tool on VT piece



Constructed using Crossword Weaver

## The Variety Side

by Jim Brown

Last column dealt with a coin that the major grading services say about 75% of the ones sent to them for grading are altered, the 1916 D Mercury dime.

This month, I will mention some Lincoln cent alterations. The two most common dates, of course, are the 1909 S VDB and the 1914 D.

The 1909 S VDB can be altered by adding the "S" Mint Mark, by changing the date from a 1939 S, or by adding the VDB. The best piece of knowledge a collector can have is to know what the "S" looks like on a genuine coin. One thing to keep in mind is that the end of the S cannot have a point on it on the top or the bottom. You should be able to draw two parallel lines up and down on each side of the mintmark, and no point should stick out. There will be a groove or notch in the top right serif.

The point should end flat, not at an angle. There are four obverse dies. On die #1, the S is close to the date, directly below the gap between the "90" in 1909. On die #2, the S tilts to the right, it is southwest of the "0", and the top of the S is in line with the bottoms of the nines. On die #3, the S is slightly farther to the left, with the top of the S even with the bottoms of the nines. On die #4, the S is the lowest of the 4 dies. It is also the farthest to the right, below the 0. This one is the most common of the four varieties.

On the 1914 D, keep in mind the mintmark must be the same style as found

on the 1916 D Mercury, with the parallel notching on the D on top and bottom.

There have been 1914 Lincolns that have had the D Mint Mark added, but nearly all of them have the wrong style D, and there will be buffing or polishing marks all around the Mint Mark. Watch for extra space between the 9 and 1 in the date. Also, watch for the VDB on the shoulder that should not be on Lincoln Cents until 1918. Check the area on Lincoln's shoulder where VDB would be on a 1944D Cent.

Thousands of 1944D Lincolns have been altered in this way, and as a dealer, it amazes me how many of these could be passed off to an unsuspecting collector. There are die struck counterfeit 1914 D Lincolns out there, and they are much more difficult to detect. When these coins are encountered, they are almost always in EF condition or higher. They will have a sharp or squared edge resembling a proof coin, and have a general lack of detail. Also, look for tool marks or depressions. Other Lincoln Cent alterations to beware of are: 1910S altered from 1940S, 1911S altered from 1941S, 1912S, altered from 1942S, 1922 plain altered from a 1932D or 42D, and a 1931S altered from a 1937 or 39S. Authentication skills are not that difficult if you use good resource material and you work at it. There is no other series of U.S. coins that has anywhere close to the number of alterations found on the Lincoln Cent. A good rule of thumb is that any coin worth more than \$10 is a possible candidate for alteration. I hope some of these tips can help some of our members not become victims of alterations or counterfeits.



## **Secretary's Report**

The meeting was called to order by our president, Vinton Dove. The total attendance was 33 of which one was a guest. Vinton reminded members that November's meeting is on a Tuesday.

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

Vinton read the nomination list of officers that were suggested by the nominating committee and by the board. He also announced the dates for the next few coin shows, including the ICC show on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002. We need volunteers for the ICC table at the ISNA show on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Harrison, from the ISNA, said that there will be a raffle and said that he was selling tickets or they could be purchased at the show. The first and second prizes are gold coins and the third prize is a prestige proof set.

Dr. Gerth presented the dealer's showcase this month. He displayed and discussed cap (kepi) badges, discharge buttons, government pay vouchers, GAR badges, dress uniform buttons, and sutler's tokens.

2001-D Kentucky Quarters were distributed by our junior members.

Gail Phillips, ICC Newsletter Editor, announced the winner in the crossword puzzle challenge – Dr. Harrison. There were four correct entries.

Sign-up sheets for the ISNA booth and for the December banquet were distributed. The banquet will take place Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5pm at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Our educational presentation was "Money – History In Your Hands," a video provided by the ANA.



## **Mike's Report**

### **ISNA Show Well-attended**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual ISNA Coin Show and Convention was held at the Indianapolis Marriott on November first and second. The show was a success, both from a collector and dealer viewpoint. There were slightly fewer dealers than the previous year, but there was still quite a selection of items. The traffic was steady both days, at times making it difficult to get through the aisles due to the number of collectors. One of the highlights of the show was the Junior auction, where young collectors got to bid on a panoply of material donated by the dealers in attendance. There was also an excellent exhibit area that I wish I could have spent more time investigating.

I want to thank those people that staffed the club table. During my time there, I got to chat with a number of collectors, new and old. The club distributed quite a bit of literature and got at least one new application for membership.

At the last ICC meeting, there was discussion about the probability that the ISNA would move next years show to Muncie. I am glad to report that the ISNA and the Marriott came to an agreement that will keep the show in the same place next year.



## Animals on Commemorative Coins

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

### MAKING A COIN, PART 2

After the coin's subject was chosen, the Mint asked 23 artists to create designs featuring the young Shoshone woman. These were then shown to a group that included Native American tribal leaders, members of Congress, historians, and coin collectors. To get the opinions of as many people as possible, they were also displayed on the Mint's Web site.

The response was overwhelming! The Mint received over 120,000 emails, plus 2,000 letters and faxes from Americans of all backgrounds and ages, including many school children.

In May of 1999, the Mint displayed the winning coin design at the White House. On the obverse, Sacagawea carries her infant son on her back and -- unlike any other American circulating coin -- looks straight out at the holder.

On the reverse, a soaring eagle is encircled by 17 stars. The bird expresses the same feeling of freedom seen in the young woman's face.

The Sacagawea golden dollar is a beautiful coin, well worth the time and effort it took to design. Most importantly, it's a coin that truly belongs to the American people.

**BADGER**  
**BEAR**  
**BUFFALO**  
**CALF**  
**CATAMOUNT**  
**EAGLE**  
**HORSES**  
**OWL**  
**OXEN**  
**WHALE**



**Multi-Purpose Payment Coupon - Send By Monday, Nov. 26 for Banquet**

**2002 Dues \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults @ \$12 \_\_\_\_\_ # of Juniors @ \$5 (Due by Jan. 1)**

**Monday, December 3 Banquet Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ # @ \$10 each**

**The Old Spaghetti Factory**

**210 S. Meridian**

**Downtown Indianapolis, 5:00 PM**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

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**City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_**

**Member Number \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_**

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Capped Head 3. Abraham Lincoln and Alexander Hamilton

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*There will be no educational program this month, as we will be having our election.  
Please come and cast your vote!*

**Welcome to our new member, Patti Finner!**

**Other Upcoming Indiana Coin Shows**

Nov. 17-18, South Bend. Coin & Collectible Show, North Village Mall, U.S. 31 - 933 North.  
Hrs.: Sat. 10 am to 8 pm; Sun. 11 am to 5 pm. Dave's Collectibles, Dave Brody, P.O. Box 724,  
South Bend, IN 46624. Ph.: 219-272-9198.

Dec. 15-16, South Bend, North Village Mall, off of SR 31/33 North, Exit 77 off Toll Road, North  
of Roseland. Hours: 10 am to 5 pm.