



THE FALL CORN HARVEST

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,
November 28, 2005!**



It's Time to Elect a New "Board" and Officers



It is that time of year when the Indianapolis Coin Club has its annual elections of officers and Board members that will lead the club throughout the next year. This election will take place at the November club meeting. The following is a list of the ICC members and the Board position in which they are running for:

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The Stone Mountain Commemorative

By Amanda Rondot, OFCC Junior Member

For several years, the 1925 Stone Mountain Half Dollar has been my favorite commemorative coin. This is due in large part to its simple yet elegant design, but the subject of the coin - Confederate soldiers - also drew my interest. How many other nations have commemorated the defeated military of a civil war on one of their coins?

To better appreciate the memorial, one must first learn about the history behind Stone Mountain and the resulting commemorative coin. Stone Mountain is a granite mountain on which is carved a monument to the Confederate States of America. Gutzon Borglum was hired in 1916 by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association to design and carve the figures of Jefferson Davis, General Thomas J.



Thomas J. Davis, General

“Stonewall” Jackson, General Robert E. Lee, and a procession of soldiers on the northeast side of the mountain. However, World War I caused an interruption in the plans; the actual carving did not begin until June 1923. General Lee’s head was the first part finished on the sculpture, to be publicly revealed in a January 19, 1924 ceremony.

However, the Association quickly ran out of money for the project. Consequently, they sought legislation authorizing a commemorative coin to raise money to complete Stone Mountain. An early version of the bill commemorated “the commencement

on June 18, 1923, of the work of the carving on Stone Mountain, in the State of Georgia, a monument to the valor of the soldiers of the South, which was the inspiration of their sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters in the Spanish-American and World Wars.” This text proved unacceptable to Northern Congressmen; only after the bill was amended to include, “and in memory of Warren G. Harding, President of the United States of America in whose administration the work was begun,” was the bill passed into law on March 17, 1924.

Borglum was hired to design the coins, in addition to his task of carving Stone Mountain. Accustomed to working in large scale on the memorial, he attempted to adapt its design to fit the much smaller coin. The obverse of Borglum’s original design portrayed Generals Jackson and Lee on horseback in the foreground, with the head and neck of Davis’ horse covering part of Lee, while soldiers marched in the background. The reverse featured an eagle on the right and the inscription, “Commemorating/ the valor of the/ soldier of the South/ Stone Mountain/ Georgia/ And in memory of/ Warren G. Harding.”

The models were sent to the Commission of Fine Arts and to the Mint, where they were met with disapproval. After several revisions, the design was finally accepted. As issued, the obverse features only Generals Jackson and Lee on horseback, with thirteen stars representing the states the seceded. The reverse inscription was simplified to read, “Memorial/ to the valor/ of the soldier/ of the South,” while the eagle remained fundamentally unchanged. Thirty-four stars are sprinkled throughout the background, alluding to the number of states prior to secession. However, these are difficult to see due to the surface’s rough appearance, reminiscent of the mountain side.

Coinage began January 21, 1925 at the Philadelphia Mint. With a maximum authorized mintage of 5,000,000 coins, 2,310,000 were minted for distribu-

tion with an additional 4,709 coins reserved for assay. The Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association hired Harvey Hill, a New York publicist, to promote the coin. His first sales strategy involved convincing large companies such as the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Atlanta, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the Southern Fireman's Fund Insurance Co., and many Southern banks to buy large quantities of the coins to give to or sell to customers, or simply to spend.

Hill's next sales tactic was known as "The Great Harvest Campaign." Administered by the governors of Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee, this program assigned sales quotas to each state dependent upon the amount of residents and the value of bank deposits. Additionally, many coins were counterstamped, usually with a state's abbreviation and a serial number, in order to create unique pieces and increase the demand for the coins. Despite these sale efforts, 1,000,000 coins were returned to the Mint for melting, resulting in a net mintage of 1,314,709 coins.

Meanwhile, work on Stone Mountain encountered further difficulties. Gutzon Borglum was fired by the Stone Mountain Confederate Monumental Association on February 26, 1925 for allegedly spending too much time designing the coin, at the expense of his work on the mountain. Amid much controversy, Borglum destroyed his models for Stone Mountain, but soon went on to carve Mount Rushmore. Augustus Lukeman was hired to take his place on Stone Mountain; he had portions of Borglum's completed carvings removed in order to start anew. However, financial problems again struck the project until it was halted in 1930 by the Great Depression.

Following a state grant, work on the mountain resumed in 1963 under the leadership of Walter Kirkland Hancock. Finally, with its May 9, 1970 dedication, Stone Mountain was complete.



Secretary's Report October 24, 2005



The meeting was called to order by President Vinton Dove at 7:00pm. There were 33 people present. Secretary Jim Goaziou read both August and

September Secretary's Reports, both were approved as read. Treasurer's Karl Kreck read the Treasurer's report for September and it was also approved as read.

There was a short discussion of the club's CD's that will be on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.

The nominating Committee has received nominations for the following positions on the 2006 Board: President - Mark Eberhardt, Vice President - Jim Roehrdanz, Secretary - Jim Goaziou, Treasurer - Karl Kreck, Editor - Amy Eberhardt, Sgt-at-arms- Jim Warden, Past President - Vinton Dove, Board Member - Jim Fuson, Board Member - Cos Raimondi, and Board Member - Charles Alber.

If anyone is interested in obtaining any of the resources that the club has, please contact Dennis DeBruhl, Librarian.

The Education Committee will hand out Quarter Boards, 2004-D Lincoln Cent, Lincoln Blank Planchet and Mouse pads to juniors attending the ISNA Coin Show November 4th and 5th.

The Banquet Committee has set aside the evening of December 6th for the ICC's annual Banquet.

As far as new business, the November meeting for the ICC will be our elections of officers and then the Logansport Coin Club will be visiting and giving us the Educational Program. We in turn will visit them on November 16th in Logansport for an Educational Program. If anyone is interested in riding up with a group of people, please contact Mark Eberhardt.

June and July 2006 ICC meetings will be at the Warren Library on the East Side, check your newsletter for updates and directions.

Kansas- P Quarters were handed out by Kurt Miller and Sam Tumminello, ICC Junior Members.

Lou Coppinger gave an Educational Program on World Coins that was very informative and interesting. Lou discussed different ways to collect World Coins and some approximate prices for some on the market.

There was a short break, followed by the evenings auction. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Eberhardt - Editor

**Treasurer's Report
October 2005**



Income:
50/50 \$22.00

Expenses:
9/05 Newsletter Postage

\$24.05

9/05 Newsletter Printing	\$12.06
Drinks for 9/05 Mtg.	\$ 1.84
Cups for 9/05 Mtg.	\$ 2.32
10/05 Newsletter Postage	\$20.72
10/05 Newsletter Printing	<u>\$28.94</u>
Total	\$89.93

September Checkbook Balance \$2,798.00
October Checkbook Balance \$2,730.07

ICC CD's Balance \$17,047.19

Respectfully Submitted,



November

27th - "Mattoon Coin Club Show" - Mattoon IL,
Burgess-Osborne Building 1701 Wabash St. (Junction
of US Rts. 45 & 16) Hours: 9am - 4pm

December

11th - "71st Street Coin Show" - Indianapolis IN, K of
C Hall 2100 East 71st Street off Keystone Ave.
Hours: 9am - 3:45pm

**ICC CHRISTMAS
BANQUET**

Our Annual Christmas
Banquet will be held at the
MCI Cafeteria in Castleton
on Monday, December 5,
2005 from 6pm-8:30pm.
Address: 5520 Castleton
Corner Lane. (corner of 82nd
& Allisonville Rd)

We will all go through the line
and purchase our own food, then
proceed to the room for dinner
and the meeting.

**Educational
Program for
November**

**"Odd and Curious
Money"**

by Dave Colford

From the Logansport Coin Club