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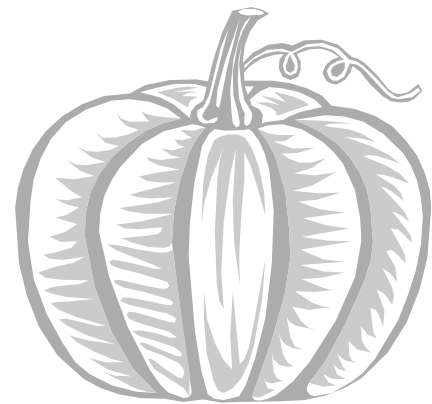
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The Meetings of the Indianapolis Coin Club are held the fourth Monday of each month at the Nora Library at 8625 Guilford Avenue in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Meetings consist of a business session, an intermission, educational program, and a numismatic auction. Doors open at 6:00pm, meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

**The next meeting will be
Monday,
November 27, 2006!**



Thank You!

The Indianapolis Coin Club's table at the Indiana State Numismatic Show was a huge success! We need to thank all of the club members who volunteered their time: Jim Fuson, Karl Kreck, Jim Luckey, Bob Bettcher, Rolland Kontak, Jim Held, Bill Schutt, Tom Ferwerda, Dave Daniell, Joe Filipczak, Richard Kinnett, and Jim Goaziou. We also want to thank those people who donated items for our more than 200 "goody bags" that were handed out - including, Air-trol for water bottles, Wal-Mart for Chap Stick, First National Bank and Trust for pens, fly swatters, bags, brochures and the United States Mint for pencils, bookmarks, fliers, and penny planchets. There were also pens and candy purchased by the club to help fill those bags. THANK YOU AGAIN EVERYONE FOR HELPING MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!

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The New Orleans Mint

By Amanda Rondot

The branch mint at New Orleans, LA was authorized by the Act of March 3, 1835 for the coinage of both silver and gold coins. The mints at Charlotte, NC and Dahlonega, GA were authorized by the same act, though they were established to mint only gold coinage. This act also placed the supervision of the branch mints under the Director of the Mint in Philadelphia and extended to the branch mints “the laws governing the Mint of the United States.”

President Andrew Jackson supported the establishment of this mint in order to help with economic development in the West. New Orleans was chosen for the location, since a large amount of metal for coinage was imported through the port. In June of 1835, the city of New Orleans deeded property on the Mississippi River to the United States for the mint.

The mint building was designed by William Strickland in a Greek Revival style. Unfortunately, Strickland never went to New Orleans throughout the course of planning and construction. This resulted in structural problems with the building, because the foundation was not the type required for the local soil. The foundation was laid in 1835. Minting operations began in 1838, though the building was not yet complete. That year, only dimes were minted at New Orleans. The original machinery was hand operated. It was not until 1845 that steam presses were used at New Orleans.

In 1854, P.G.T. Beauregard was hired to fireproof the building and add structural supports. On January 31, 1861 the state of Louisiana took control of the mint. From March 31 to May 31, minting operations continued under the control of the Confederate States of America. Operations ceased when bullion for minting the coins ran out. Estimates place the amount of bullion coined by the Confederacy at over \$200,000. After coinage ended, the mint was used to house Confederate troops.

The Union captured New Orleans in 1862 and regained possession of the mint. Much of the machinery had been damaged in the war, requiring extensive repairs before operations could resume. The New Orleans Mint was reopened in 1876 as an assay office. Coinage was resumed in 1879 and continued until 1909, when officials decided that the Denver and San Francisco Mints could sufficiently handle demand for coinage. Throughout its years of operation, this mint produced gold dollars, quarter eagles, half eagles, eagles, and double eagles. Silver dollars, half dollars, quarters, dimes, and silver three-cent pieces were also coined.

The building again served as an assay office from 1909 to 1919. After that, the Veterans Bureau was granted use of portions of the building. Other uses of the building included a federal detention center and a coast guard receiving station. The building was closed for good in 1942. In 1966, the federal government transferred control of the New Orleans Mint building to the state of Louisiana. Restoration of the building did not begin until 1977, due to troubles with funding. Currently, the old New Orleans Mint building serves as a museum, housing both the Louisiana Historical Center and the Amistad Research Center.



Treasurer's Report October 2006

INCOME:

50/50	\$ 31.50
19 Memberships	\$228.00
3 Jr. Memberships	\$ 15.00
Sale of left over Quarters	\$ <u>1.00</u>
	\$275.50

EXPENSES:

Newsletter Printing, Paper & Ink Cartridges	\$ 71.62
Newsletter Postage	\$ 19.50
ND-D Quarters	\$ <u>12.50</u>
	\$103.62

September Checkbook Balance	\$2,358.67
October Checkbook Balance	\$2,530.55

ICC Balance \$17,255.27

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Kreck



Secretary's Report October 23, 2006

The October meeting was called to order by President Mark Eberhardt. No visitors were present to be introduced.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and accepted.

Old Business: The President called for the reading of the Nominating Committee's slate of Officers for the 2007 calendar year. Committee member, Vinton Dove, read the following list of nominated candidates: President - Mark Eberhardt, Vice President - Jim Roehrdanz, Secretary - None, Treasurer- Karl Kreck, Sgt-at-Arms - Jim Warden, Editor- none, Director 2007-2008 (3 open positions) Dave Reid, Bob Bettcher, and James Held.

President Eberhardt announced that volunteers had filled the time slots for manning the ICC table at the ISNA show. He again called for the members to solicit items which could be included in the bags to be handed out at the show. Board Member Cos Raimondi volunteered to bring a television for the club to place on the show table so that coin related videos could be played during show hours for the benefit of collectors attending the show.

Mark then made a plea for the club to try to sign up more new members. He said that in a city the size of Indianapolis, we should have a total membership of at least 150 members. He also cautioned the members to exercise security measures at home to guard against burglaries. It was then announced that Past President Vinton Dove would be taking dues during the break.

Mark said that he had heard rumors that the US Mint was considering the sale of unsold mint products from previous years after the Statehood Quarter Program ended. That would be in 2009. The rumor was that the items would be sold at the original offering price.

ISNA Vice President Cos Raimondi announced that all tables for the ISNA Coin Show had been sold. The show will be open to the public on Nov. 3rd 10am-6pm and Nov. 4th 10am-5pm. The club then took a 10 minute break.

After the break, club member Doc Gerth gave the educational program, speaking on buildings of the United States Mint. He described and spoke on the history of several mint buildings, including the one in the Phillipines. It used the mint mark "M" which stood for Manilla.

Late arriving visitors Hunter Bagwell and his sons were introduced. He had several complimentary remarks about a presentation which Tom Fer-verda and Vinton Dove made to his son's Cub Scout group, and said his younger son would need a presentation for his group. He was assured that Tom and Vinton were available.

Another excellent auction was then run by President Eberhardt and the club adjourned at 8:35pm.

Vinton Dove

November Educational Program

Presented by Jim Fuson and Bob Bettcher

“The Advantage of Collecting Uncirculated and Circulated Coin Sets”

Uncirculated Sets: Indian Head Cents, Morgan Silver Dollars, Peace Silver Dollars, Mercury Dimes, Roosevelt Dimes, and Washington Quarters.

Circulated Sets: Lincoln Cents, Indian Head Cents, Jefferson Nickels, Buffalo Nickels, Mercury Dimes, Roosevelt Dimes, Washington Quarters, Franklin Half Dollars, and Walker Half Dollars.

The Indianapolis Coin Club would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and may 2007 be a wonderful year!

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