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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.

New Officers Inducted at Christmas Banquet

As of December 3, we have a new set of officers that will be running the club. Jim Luckey is our new President, Mike Suit is our new V-P, and Karl Kreck has joined the list of Directors. The remaining officers remain the same.

Everyone at the banquet appeared to enjoy themselves. Special thanks go out to our entertainment for the evening, Magician Don Miller, of FamilyTime Entertainment, for being available at a price we could afford at such short notice.

If you didn't attend this year, please consider doing so next December. These events definitely fall under the category of "The more, the merrier." Thanks to all who joined us for the evening.

ICC Coin Show, Coin Week, and Statehood Quarters

As you probably already know, ICC will be having their annual coin show on March 17. It is not too early to contact Jim Luckey, Mike Suit, or John Phillips to volunteer your time and efforts to insure that this year's show goes as smoothly as last year's did. Make contact at our next meeting, email the club from the website, or mail something to the ICC's post office box if you like. We will need setup and teardown assistance, dealer relief, ticket sales, and other miscellaneous work done. As we grow our show, we grow our profit for the club.

National Coin Week is something else to keep in mind also, and it is not too early to consider how to best promote it. Running from April 21-27, the theme this year is "Faces in Time", showcasing people depicted on coins and currency, and those who designed those images. Talk to Coz Raimondi with your ideas.

This year's Statehood Quarters will be Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, INDIANA, and Mississippi. Tennessee will be released January 2, with the official date of January 14.

Our next meetings are scheduled for Monday, January 28, and TUESDAY, February 26, at 7:00 PM at the Library Services Center, 24th and Meridian Sts., Indianapolis (enter parking lot from 24th St.).

Officers:
President: Jim Luckey
Vice President: Mike Suit
Secretary: Allen Dove
Treasurer: John Phillips
Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Warden
Past President: Vinton Dove
Editor/Webmaster: Gail Phillips

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Lawrence
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Jim Roehrdanz
Karl Kreck

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From Our President

The 2001 Christmas Party was held at the Spaghetti Factory and was great success thanks to Gail Phillips. Besides good food, we were entertained by a fine magician with some help from club members. Jim Goaziou held a coin quiz contest and provided prizes to the lucky winners.

John Phillips and I are getting the budget information and figures together to present to the clubs board of directors for their approval for the year 2002. We plan on having a break-even year. I want to thank last year's president, Vinton Dove, and his officers for a successful year and hope that this year can measure up to their performance. That success can only be made possible with the help of you, the members. It is your club and we need your input to provide what you would like to see at the meetings. If you are happy with the meetings, the year will be a success. I would like to see more members at our meetings. As a suggestion, why not call a member the week before a meeting to see if he is going to attend. If you run across some coin information that would be of interest to our other members, don't hesitate to bring it up at our meeting. I'm looking forward to serving you for the coming year.

- Jim Luckey

Treasurer's Report

December 2001

INCOME

Banquet	\$260.00
Coin Show	35.00
2002 Dues	226.00
Total Income	\$521.00



EXPENDITURES

Lifetime Membership cards	\$42.00
Newsletter	16.73
Postage	39.85
Refreshments	35.38
Total Expenses	\$133.96

Net Income \$387.04

Balance in Checking 12/1/01 - \$3148.44

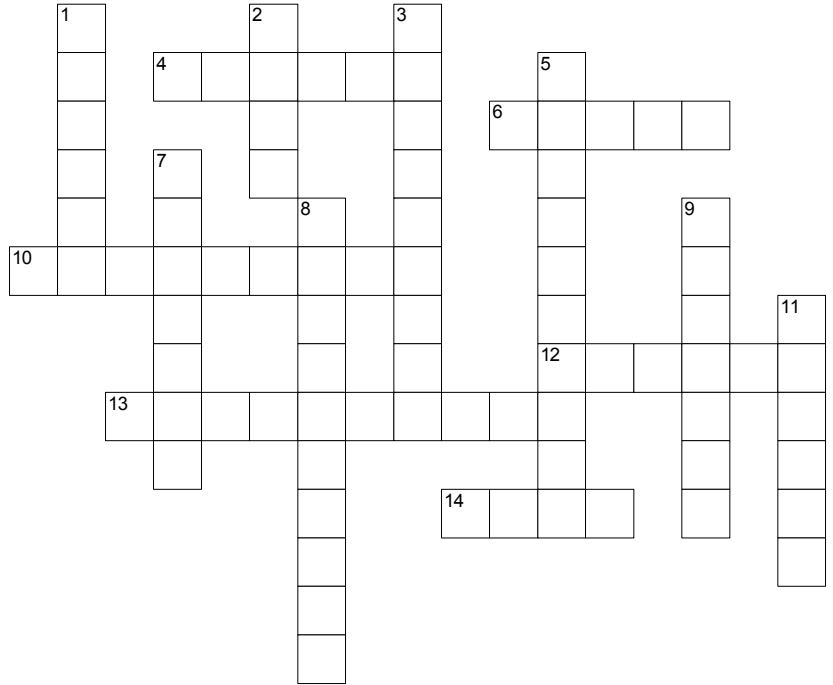
Past President's Report, December, 2001 Happy Holidays to all! It has been really grand, being Past President for 14 days, now. The excitement of the holidays (and buying myself coins for Christmas presents) has made me feel very jolly. In all of my thanks to those who helped out last year (2001), I neglected to thank one of our newest members, Chris Clegg. At our September meeting, Chris had pizza delivered for the enjoyment of our members, for free. And we really did enjoy it, too! It seems that Chris is a manager for Papa John's Pizza, and thought we might enjoy a change in our monthly refreshments. Thanks, Chris!!

"Save your money, cold weather is coming." That was one of my father's favorite expressions, (even in the spring of the year). I am using it, because we should be saving our money for the ICC March 17 show. It promises to be another good one, with lots of dealers and lots of hard-to-find coins and other numismatics. Jim Luckey, our new President, is going to need lots of help. (Every President does!) As members, we can help the most just by coming to the meetings each month! Think about it. If only a few members show up, it wouldn't be much of a meeting, would it? So everyone plan on being at every meeting, even if it is on a Tuesday. Thanks! In signing off, let me say again, to all the members of the club, thanks for everything!

- Vinton Dove

Puzzle Page

This month's puzzle is about Christmas, and is just for fun! So have a nice holiday, and we will see you in January!



Constructed using Crossword Weaver

Coin World Trivia:

1. What two countries are the most profuse paper money issuers?
2. What was the only type of current note printed in the United States in 1999?
3. A group of coins, tokens, etc., not sorted or classified as a collection, is called a what?

(answers elsewhere in this issue)

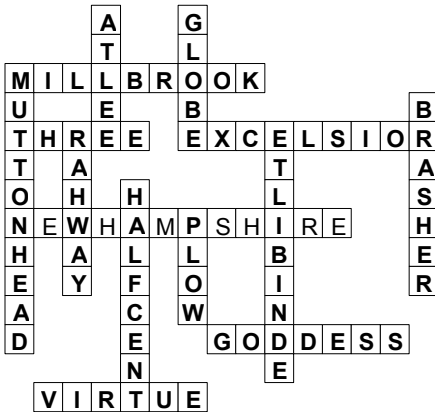
ACROSS

- 4 Sound that bells make
- 6 Pointy leaves and red berries
- 10 Almost nobody likes this
- 12 Glittery stuff, either garland or strand
- 13 Candy cane flavor
- 14 What gets put in your stocking if you're bad

DOWN

- 1 _____ bread men
- 2 Winter precipitation
- 3 Famous birthplace
- 5 Holiday flower
- 7 Rhymes with "Vixen" in song
- 8 German word for "Christmas tree"
- 9 Activity under mistletoe
- 11 Santa's transportation

November Puzzle Solution



November's Crossword winner was Lou Coppinger! Other entrants were Vinton and Allen Dove, and ?? (I can't remember! Sorry!)



Corner

John Maag's

19th & 20th Century Prussian Commemorative Coins

Although Brandenburg, the predecessor of the Prussian state, and Prussia itself had in common with many other German states the issuance of commemorative and show thalers as far back as the 17th century, most of these coins are fairly rare. Rarer still are gold strikings of such coins. However, by the late 18th century and early 19th century, Prussia had limited commemorative issues to such coins as a "death thaler" marking the passing of Frederick the Great in 1786, some mint visit coins, and "mining thalers" - special thalers which were minted with silver from the Mansfeld mines. Mansfeld had become a province of Prussia in 1815 after the Congress of Vienna. During the early 19th century, Bavaria embarked upon a remarkable run of commemorative thalers under Ludwig I, including the "Blessings of Heaven" thaler, which depicted the royal family and all the children, a coin which inspired Tsar Nicholas I of Russia to issue an excessively rare one and one half ruble coin, depicting HIS family, because he liked the idea of the Bavarian coin that much. Prussia wasn't issuing commemorative coins at this time.

With the accession of Wilhelm I to the Prussian throne in 1861, a commemorative thaler for the coronation was issued, depicting he and his wife, Augusta, in coronation robes on the obverse, with the Prussian eagle, their initials, four crowns, and

the legend "suum cuique", which is the Prussian motto "To each his own", the date and the words "kronungs thaler" (coronation thaler). This coin was issued in a sufficiently large quantity and is quite affordable and available. Recently, some American coin dealers have been marketing this coin in their advertisements, incorrectly promoting it as a "wedding thaler", although the German word for wedding is "hochzeit", which looks nothing like "kronung". The mintage of this coin was 1,000,000, not too surprising, as Prussia, even at that time was the largest German state.

Perhaps not too surprisingly, the next two commemorative coins of Prussia reflect the campaign of Bismarck to unify Germany under Prussian leadership. Otto von Bismarck, the chancellor of Prussia, was determined that Germany not be unified under the Austrian Habsburgs. He used his leadership to prevent the reform of the then existing German confederation, keeping Prussia away from the 1863 "Furstentag", or "Day of the Princes" in Frankfurt, the seat of the confederation parliament, which doomed that effort. He lured Austria into a war with Denmark over Schleswig Holstein in 1864 allied with Prussia. Austria then went to war with Prussia in 1866, suffering a humiliating defeat at the Battle of Koeniggratz, mainly due to the better leadership of the Prussian forces and their superior weapons. This event resulted in the issue of an 1866 "victory thaler", which, save for the laurel wreath of a conqueror on Wilhelm I's head, otherwise resembles the regular issue thalers of the 1860's. This coin had a mintage of 500,000. Although Bismarck had successfully excluded Austria from any role in German affairs and unified many of the states into a north German confederation, he still had to deal with France, then under Napoleon III. I might also add that Prussia's success in the war of 1866 also resulted in the elimina-

tion of a number of coin issuing German states who had been allied with Austria. They suffered outright annexation to Prussia; therefore, the states of Hannover, Frankfurt, Hessen Kassel, and Nassau all vanished from the map. Napoleon III, likewise underestimated Bismarck's leadership, and with the provocation of the famous "Ems dispatch", a telegram relating to the candidacy of a Hohenzollern relative to the throne of Spain, then vacant, France went to war with Prussia and was soundly defeated at the battle of Sedan. In the 1871 ceremony at the Hall of Mirrors in Versailles, Wilhelm I was proclaimed German emperor. Although this event, as such, wasn't commemorated on any coin, a number of German states issued "victory thalers", the most common one being the Prussian issue, which shows Wilhelm I, although still with his old title as "koenig" (king), and not "kaiser", and a seated Germania with the date "1871" and the words "Sieges thaler" on the reverse.



1861 Coronation Thaler, Obv. & Rev.

- continued next month



Secretary's Report

ICC Meeting Minutes for 11/27/01

The meeting was called to order by our president, Vinton Dove. The total attendance was 33 of which one was a guest. Vinton reminded everyone that next Monday is the December Banquet. He also asked that people turn in their crossword puzzles. Visitors were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Cos Raimondi discussed the progress on the 2002 ICC coin show. He said that he had contracts and that we need to put up flyers.

Vinton read the list of upcoming coin shows.

Next was the presentation of the life membership cards for our two newest life members – Dr. Robert Gerth and Jim Goaziou.

The slate of officers for next year were voted on and passed by the membership.

Dr. Gerth discussed the awards he received at the ISNA show for his outstanding work.

Cos discussed the state of the market for coins.

The Treasurer and Secretary's reports were read.

Finally, Gail Phillips, ICC Newsletter Editor, announced the winner in the crossword puzzle challenge – Lou Coppinger.

We now have some generous additions to our club library - see the list below (and page 7), and contact Lawrence Wisthoff to borrow (359-0608):

Numismatic Library

World Coins - (1801-1900, 2nd edition), & (1900-2000, 28th edition)

Numismatic Issues of the Franklin Mint, 1968 & 1969 editions, and price supplements

A Treasury of American Coins, Fred Reinfeld, c. 1961

The Story of Money, A.H. Quiggin, 1958, British
The Silver Dollars of N. & S. America, Wayne Raymond, 1964, 2nd edition
The History of Modern Israel's Money, Sylvia Haffner, 1967
A Guide Book of Mexican Coins, T.V. Buttrey, 1969
Perera's Official Illustrated Foreign Money Guide, 1970
International Guide to Coin Collecting, Burton Hobson, 1966

The Numismatist -

Selections - Ancient Coins, 1960
- U.S. Coins, 1960
- Foreign, 1961
- Miscellaneous, 1960

Whitman Series

Alaska's Coinage Through the Years, Maurice M. Gould & Kenneth Bressett

Civil War Store Card Tokens, George & Melvin Fuld

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Money Tells the Story, Rear Adm. O.H. Dodson

Patriotic Civil War Tokens, George & Melvin Fuld

Silver Dollars of Africa, John S. Davenport

U.S. Fractional Currency, Matt Rothert

U.S. Territorial Coinage for the Philippine Islands, Neil Shafer

Pamphlets

Aluminum Coins

Ancient Coins of China

Australasian Handbook of Coin Collecting

Banking: Students Short History

British Currency & Equivalents (1960)

Coin Collecting Merit Badge (1938 & 1961)

Coins & the Story They Tell

Chinese Numismatic Riddle

How U.S. Coins are Made

Illustrated Money Converter (Europe, 1963)

Israel's Coins, Currency, & Medals

Story of Money - Barter to Banking

Strange Money of the World

U.S. Type Coins

Major Variety & Oddity Guide (1st & 2nd editions)

KID'S CORNER



Who Keeps Our Money "As Safe As Fort Knox?" The Mint Police!

Ever wonder who keeps an eye on the U.S. Mint's money? The Mint Police, of course. They're on the job 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Here's what they do:

- Safeguard the \$100 billion in gold, silver, and coins stored at Mint facilities
- Watch over about \$40 million in coins made daily
- Protect more than 2,800 Mint workers, plus thousands of others who visit the Mints
- Protect Mint buildings and property

As you might guess, these police men and women are specially trained in many skills. They have to know how to use weapons, of course, and some of them also ride bicycles.

That's right! A special Mint Police unit patrols the Mint parking lots and neighborhoods on bike, riding in and out of traffic, protecting people as well as property.

Mint police have some fun duties, too. In 1999 and 2000, they rode along on the U.S. Mint's float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. Last year, when the "Wheel of Fortune" TV show offered \$20,000 of Sacagawea Golden Dollars as a prize, the Mint Police went along to safeguard the money.

However, the usual duties of the Mint police are a lot more serious. After all, they're responsible for keeping our money safe, day in, day out. And we all owe them a big "thanks" for that.

Happy New Year!

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HORN
HOURGLASS
MIDNIGHT
NEWYEAR
NOISEMAKER
OLDMAN
PARTY
RESOLUTION
SCYTHE
TOAST




Local Upcoming Coin Shows

January 13 - 71st Street Coin Show (Second Sunday), K of C Hall, 71st Street, just west of Keystone Ave., 9-3:45, free admission, call John Smith at 765-446-9535 for more information.

January 20 - Muncie Coin & Stamp Club's 44th annual Coin, Currency, Stamp, Postcard, and Token Show, Muncie Horizon Convention Center, 401 S. High St., Muncie. 10-5, free admission, call Ray Saylor at 765-288-0371 or Bobbie Scroggins at 765-284-1330 for more information.

Since I am the newsletter editor, I am going to shamelessly take this space to place my own "job wanted" ad. I am currently seeking employment that will fit around my final semester's schedule - MWF, 1:00-2:50 pm, and MTTh, 5:45-8:00 pm. I have experience in many software packages, web and graphics design work, administrative assistant-type work, inventory taking, computer, mechanical and electronic troubleshooting and repair, and a myriad of other things. If you have any employment prospects for me, please don't hesitate to call. Thanks. - Gail Phillips, 783-5963.


Coin World Trivia Answers: 1. China and Mexico, 2. Federal Reserve Notes, 3. An accumulation



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Michael Suit will be this month's speaker on the subject of topical collecting. Don't miss it!

Special thanks to John Teramoto, a Curator at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, for his contribution to the ICC's library. He generously donated a book titled, "Illustrated Catalog of Chinese Coins", by E. Kann. Lawrence Wisthoff, our librarian, will have it at the January meeting if anyone is interested in checking it out.
