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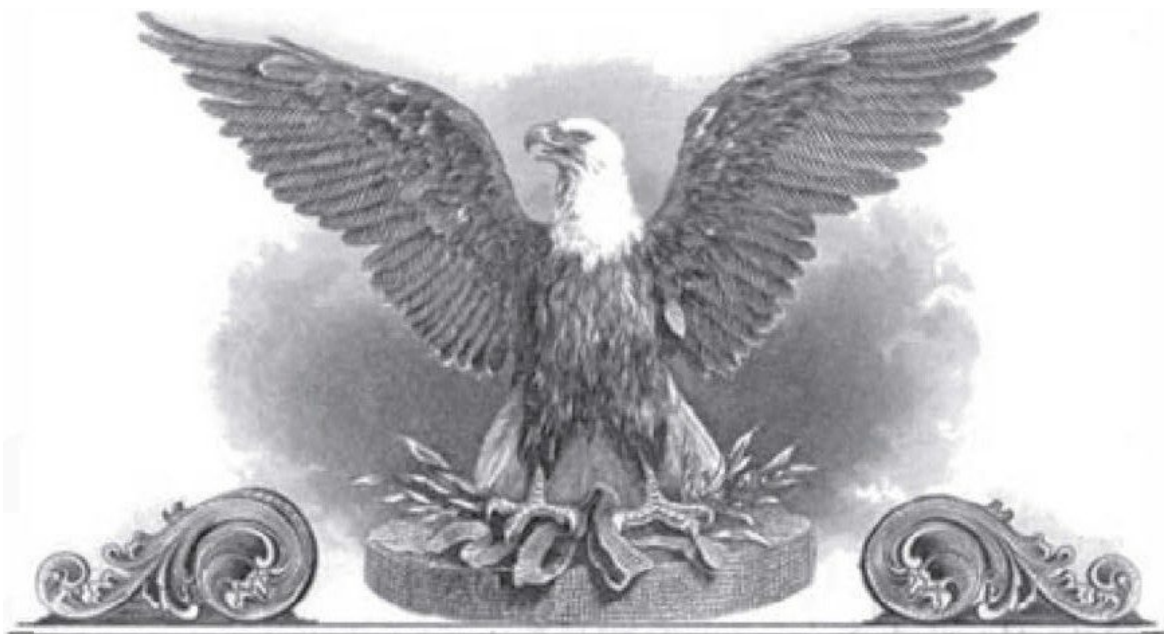
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INDIANAPOLIS **COIN CLUB** E'std. 1939

The next meeting will be March 16th, 2026

Monthly meetings of the Indianapolis Coin Club are held the third Monday of each month (except December) at the Northside Events and Social Club, 2100 E. 71st Street in Indianapolis, IN 46220. The meetings consist of a business session, educational program, an intermission, and a numismatic auction.

Doors open at 6:00 pm; the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.



As hopefully all of our members know, the ICC has a library that is free to use for its members. The current list of library books is available on the ICC website. Jim Sukup usually brings a few books each month, but we want to make sure that everyone is aware of the books that are available. Email Jim prior to the meeting and he will bring your selection if it is available.

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This Month's Educational Program Will Be:



**"I See Live People"
by Donn Wray**

A Few Words from Your President

We are right smack in the middle of coin show season. It seems that most of the regional coin shows in Indiana - Muncie, Marion, Lafayette, Bloomington, Richmond - occur in the fall, winter, and spring, and take the summer off. Makes sense, as there's not as much to do outdoors when it's cold out, so more time to work on coins and attend shows. Now however, with the weather improving as we approach spring, I find that my spare time is rapidly diminishing. Between coin shows, gardening, soon-to-be fishing and preparing for all the above on top of my normal workload, I'm pretty much out of time. Still, with the crazy markets and precious metals prices, I find that I need to make time to focus on coin collecting and numismatics; there is so much new and unusual stuff that is appearing out of the woodwork now that prices are high, it's hard to resist. Personally, I'm looking forward to attending the upcoming Marion, Richmond, and Bloomington shows, and of course Central States next month.

At the last club board meeting, we looked into different ways to increase club revenue. One thing under consideration is a possible "high rollers" auction. I appointed Donn Wray as head of the High Rollers Auction committee. And last week I asked that we create a committee to study the possibility of the club accepting electronic payments, something that I feel could be quite beneficial. If you have any desire to participate on either of these committees, please let me know. If you have an idea on how the club could be improved, again please let me know. I want as much input as possible on ways to improve the club experience for everyone.

And lastly, we still need speakers. As you can tell from my past presentations, public speaking skills are not necessary! If there's a topic you'd like to discuss, either formally with a PowerPoint slideshow, or informally just talking about it with minimal or no props, please consider it. You never know; when you talk publicly about a private numismatic passion, you might find that far more people share that passion than you might otherwise have realized.

Andy Nahrwold
ICC President

The 2026 Indianapolis Coin Club Officers and Board Members

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK—19-25 APRIL

National Coin Week is coming up. There is a club-based trivia contest being offered, with thirteen questions. All clubs with a perfect score will get some kind of reward from ANA. The questions are below. Some require remote cruising through the ANA museum. If you have those skills (and for those who will use old-fashioned skills) if you can come up with the replies, we can submit them. The deadline is 30 April. We can consolidate replies at our 20 April meeting. A fillable .pdf file is available to your editor for the submission.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

2026 NATIONAL COIN WEEK Club Trivia Challenge

ANSWER THE 13 QUESTIONS below and email your responses to the National Coin Week team at ncwquiz@money.org.

THE CLUB OR CLUBS WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE.

ONLY ONE ENTRY PER CLUB will be accepted (If multiple entries are submitted, the first received will be judged).

**ANSWERS MUST BE SUBMITTED
BY THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026.**

Good
Luck!



Club Name

Club Contact Person

Club Email

In the formation of our nation’s coinage, the first Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton said, “...is not a very expressive or apt appellation...” toward what denomination?

Who was the U.S. Mint Director during the United States centennial year?

What is the earliest coin struck by the U.S. Mint on display at the Edward C. Rochette Money Museum? What display case is it in? *(Both answers must be correct to receive one point.)*

What Federal paper currency denomination debuted in the War of 1812 and came close to being reissued during the Civil War, but never actually returned to circulation?

Labor in the first U.S. Mint was simply more than just manpower—on average, how long could a single horse operate before needing rest?

James Earle Fraser engraved the Buffalo nickel, considered one of the first “truly American” coin designs. His wife, Laura Gardin Fraser, designed the bust of Washington that appeared on the Women’s Quarter series (2022-2025). Between these two artists, how many different denominations of coins did they design or engrave?

What coin is *actually* the first U.S. commemorative coin? Where is this coin on display in the Money Museum *(Both answers must be correct to receive one point.)*

John R. Sinnock engraved the commemorative half dollar for the United States Sesquicentennial in 1926, which included busts of George Washington and the then-living Calvin Coolidge. How many different presidents did Sinnock engrave images of for the United States Mint?

The American Numismatic Association held a contest in 1976 to design the two faces of the medal for the annual convention that was held in New York City, August 24-29, 1976. Who were the two winning artists? *(Both artists must be included to receive one point.)*

What was the first official coin struck for circulation by the United States?

email replies to NCWQUIZ@MONEY.ORG
nationalcoinweek.org

The 1926 sesquicentennial of American Independence commemorative half dollar was unusual in that it depicted a then-living person and currently serving president on the obverse (Calvin Coolidge). This broke with more than a century of tradition on United States coin designs. Following this commemorative, one year had two coins depicting then-living individuals—what year was this, and what government body were these people part of? *(Both answers must be correct to receive one point.)*

During the drafting of the Coinage Act of 1792, the design of all U.S. coinage was to feature a representation of what, and was followed with what inscription? *(Both answers must be correct to receive one point.)*

The Osborne Mint, recognized as the oldest, currently active private mint in the United States, produces medals, challenge coins, tokens, and other numismatic materials. This organization can trace its lineage to what three Civil War token producers? *(Must include full names.)*



Quick quiz – Tom Sparks of the Short Snorter Project had some of these at the ANA Savannah National Money Show® two weeks ago. How many differences can you find between this note and an original? You might need some magnification. Answer on next page.

Announcements

Here are some upcoming Midwest and national coin shows

Monthly – 2nd Sunday 9am-3pm – FUBA Coins show – 71st Street Events Center, where we meet

March

- 15 – 61st Ann Gillespie IL Coin Show, Civic Ctr, 115 N Macoupin St
- 15 – Lansing [MI] Coin Club Show, Royal Scot Golf & Bowl, 4722 W Grand River Ave Hrs: 10am-3pm
- 15 – Hilliard [OH] Columbia Coin & Stamp Show, Makoy Center, 5462 Center St, Hrs: 10am-3pm
- 15 – Norwalk [OH], Firelands Coin Club Show, St. Paul Social Hall, 31 Milan Ave, Hrs: 9am-1pm
- 15 – Sheboygan [WI] Coin Club Show, Lakeshore Lanes, 2519 S Business Dr, Hrs: 9am-3pm
- 20 – Elgin Coin Club Show, Holiday Inn, 495 Airport Rd Hrs: 9am-3pm
- 22 – Springfield [IL], 36th Ann Spring Coin Show, Northfield Ctr 1, 3200 Northfield Dr Hrs: 9am-4pm
- 22 – Fostoria [OH] 62nd Ann Coin Show The Learning Ctr, 342 Perry St Hrs: 9am-4pm
- 28 – Marietta [OH] 61st Ann Spring Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, 312 Franklin St Hrs: 10am-3pm
- 29 – Elgin [IL] Coin Club Show, Holiday Inn, 495 Airport Rd Hrs: 9am-3pm
- 29 – Greenhills Classic Coin/Stamp/Jewelry Show, Amer Legion Post 530, 11100 Winton Rd, Cincinnati OH
Hrs: Sun 10-3:30
- 29 – Appleton WI. Fox Valley Coin Club 70th Ann Coin Show Hilton-Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W College Ave 9-4

April

- 4 – Richmond (IN) 3rd Ann Show, First Bank Kuhlman Ctr, Wayne Cy Fairgrounds, 861 N Salisbury Rd;
Hrs: 9-4, admission \$3
- 4 – Kalamazoo [MI] Numis Club, Kalamazoo County Expo Ctr, 2900 Lake St Hrs: 9am-3pm
- 11 – Bloomington [Ind] Coin Club, Monroe Cy Fairgrounds, 5700 W Airport Rd Hrs: 9am-3pm
- 10 – Port Clinton [OH] MPCFest 27, one-day free bourse, Holiday Inn Express Catawba Island Hrs: 10am-3pm
The rest of MPCFest starts 6pm, until noon Sunday, fees for 2 nights lodging, all meals, challenge coins, ++
- 12 – Gallipolis [OH] OH-KAN Coin Club Show, Quality Inn, 577 State Route 7 North, Hrs: 10am-3pm
- 12 – Oak Creek [WI] South Shore Coin Club 60th Ann Coin Show, 9327 S Shepard Ave, Oak Creek Hrs: 9-4
- 17-19 – Mich State Numis Soc Conv, Waterford Twp, Oakland Expo Ctr, 2212 Mill Dr E Hrs: Fr-Sa 10-6, Su 10-3
- 18 – Crown Point IN, Tri-Cities Coin Club, Lake Cy Fairgrounds, 889 S Court St. Hrs 9am-2:30pm
- 19 – Kokomo Coin/Collectibles Show, UAW Local 685 Hall, 929 E Hoffer St, Logansport CC. Hrs nval
- 23-25 – 87th Anniversary Central States Numismatic Soc convention, Renaissance Hotel/Conv Ctr, 1551 N Thoreau Dr, Schaumburg IL. Hrs Th-Fri 10-6, Sat 9:30-4. Admission \$15, 3-day pass \$30, members free
- 25 – Grandville [MI], Grand Rapids Area Coin Show, Neil Fonger Amer Legion Post, 2327 Wilson Ave Hrs: 9-3
- 25 – Wooster [OH] 72nd Wayne Cy Coin Club Ann Show, Amer Legion Post 68, 1901 Sylvan Rd, Hrs: nval
- 26 -- Greenhills Classic Coin/Stamp/Jewelry Show, Amer Legion Post 530, 11100 Winton Rd, Cincinnati OH
Hrs: Sun 10-3:30
- 26 – Green Bay [WI] Nicolet CC Spring Coin Show, Stadium View Bar & Grill, 1963 Holmgren Way, Hrs: 9a-3p

PLEASE try to have correct change for the auction, or at least use smaller bills, to pay for items that you win. Especially troublesome are \$50's and \$100's, which quickly drain the change that is available. That change is personal money, and it will be greatly appreciated by the changer and auction assistants if making change is easier and more efficient.

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Answer to quick quiz: I found six on the face and five on the back (counting each seal only once, and ignoring the publisher's information at bottom right of the back image).

Treasurer's Report for February 2025

My treasurer's report for the Indianapolis Coin Club is as follows: the club currently has \$25,054 in its checking account. Since Feb. 9, I have deposited \$341 into the club's account and written two checks. One check was for \$100 for room rental for the March, 2026 meeting. A second for \$100 was to pay the annual cost for the Treasurer's bond. Gerald Coraz

Your auction lots could be listed right here. Any active ICC member can put lots into our monthly auctions. Send them to the editor by the Wednesday before each month's meeting (joeboling@aol.com).

Indianapolis Coin Club

2026 Meeting Dates & Educational Programs

(If you have a program to offer, please contact Donn Wray at donn.wray@skofirm.com)

January 19, 2026 – meeting cancelled

February 16, 2026 – Joseph Boling – “Ryukyus Reversion Yen - 1972”

*Prize sponsor: Joseph Boling, 1936S Walking Liberty 50¢

March 16, 2026 – Donn Wray – “I see live people”

*Prize sponsor: Donn Wray

April 20, 2026 — ""

*Prize sponsor:

May 18, 2026 — ""

*Prize sponsor:

June 15, 2026 — ""

*Prize sponsor:

July 20, 2026 — ""

*Prize sponsor:

August 17, 2026 – Louise Boling – “City Medals of Thérèse Dufresne”

*Prize sponsor: Louise Boling

September 21, 2026 – Exhibit Night

*Prize sponsor: Indianapolis Coin Club

October 19, 2026 — ""

*Prize sponsor:

November 16, 2026 – The Annual State of the Hobby Address – Mark Eberhardt

*Prize sponsor:

Tuesday, December 1, 2026 – NO MEETING (no *Planchet*) - I.C.C. Holiday Banquet at [TBA], 6:00pm

Minutes of the ICC Meeting on February 16, 2026

Open - The meeting was held at the Northside Events and Social Club, 2100 E. 71 St., Indianapolis, Indiana, which was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by ICC President Andy Nahrwold. The **Attendance Prize** was a 1935-S Walking Liberty half dollar donated by Joseph Boling. There were 41 people in attendance.

The **Secretary's Report** for November 2025 was accepted as published in *The Planchet*, by a duly made motion that was seconded and passed by the membership. The **Treasurer's Report** for November 2025 was accepted as published in *The Planchet*, by a duly made motion that was seconded and passed by the membership.

Visitors – There were two visitors at this meeting, and the Club gained two new regular members and one Junior member at this meeting.

Reports of Committees – It was reported that the budget for 2026 was passed by the Board at their recent meeting.

Old Business – There was no meeting in January due to IU playing in the national championship football game that evening. It was announced that Club dues are needed from those individuals who have not yet paid up for 2026.

New Business – Speakers are needed to fill several meeting dates for our educational programs. Please let Donn Wray know if you would like to give a talk at one of our meetings.

Numismatic Finds and Notes of Interest: There were several numismatic finds that were noted, including a neat radar note, a Coinstar find, an acquisition to complete a set at the FUN show, a large size note that was in horrible shape, and a new book that was acquired at a meeting.

Educational Program: Today's Educational Program was "Ryukyus Reversion Yen - 1972" by Joseph Boling. With the occupation of the Ryukyu Islands (Okinawa being the best known of the islands) by the U.S. during World War II, the U.S. brought in Allied military currency (AMC) yen. In 1948, all of the Japanese government yen notes were converted to AMC. Following the peace treaty in 1952, the Ryukyu Islands group was retained by the U.S. as a trust territory. In 1958, the Ryukyus converted to the use of U.S. currency, and all of the AMC yen had to be changed for U.S. dollars. When the Islands were returned to Japan in 1972, changes in the yen-dollar exchange rate during the trusteeship meant that the Japanese citizens were going to lose money. The Japanese government agreed to make up the difference, but all dollars in circulation had to be registered the day following this announcement. Unissued postage stamps were used to validate the registration certificates, and the dollar notes had to be marked to ensure that they were registered only once. The yen notes used for the conversion were from special serial number blocks. Examples of all the notes and documents used in these successive operations were shown.

Auction – Today's auction consisted of only 5 paid sheets, with \$10.00 going to the Club. ICC 75th anniversary medals added \$6, and one donation sheet added \$17 to Club coffers.

Fifty-Fifty Drawing: The prize for the 50/50 drawing totaled \$110.00, with the club receiving \$55.00 and the winner \$55.00. The **Attendance Prize** was also awarded.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:23 p.m., and our next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 16, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sukup, Secretary (jsukup@rpiratings.com)

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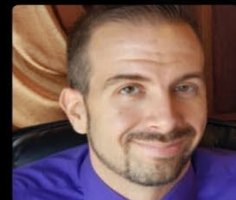
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