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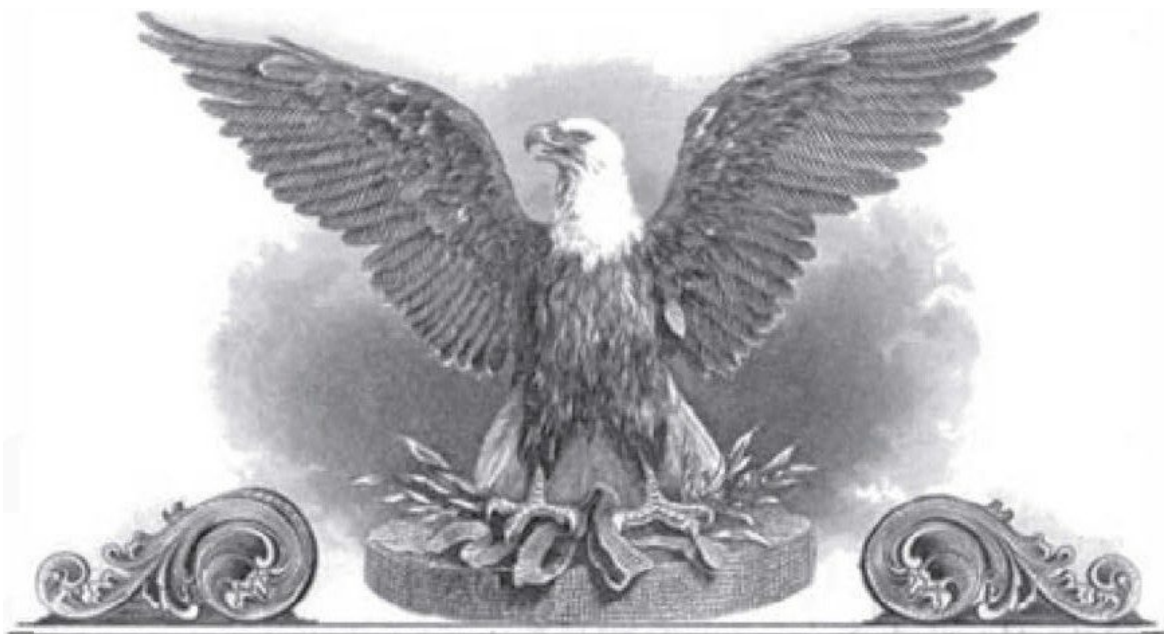
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**The next meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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:**



**"TBA"  
by The Same**

# A Few Words from Your President

I don't have much to say this month. With the weather improving, Easter, then three coin shows over the last two weeks (Richmond, Bloomington, and 71st Street), and tax day this week, I haven't had any spare time, certainly not much to devote towards composing a president's message. That said, I'll do my best.

Next week is the Central States Numismatic Society coin show in Schaumburg, from April 23-25. If you haven't been before, it's a wonderful opportunity to find coins you might not otherwise find at smaller shows - there will be over 400 dealer tables there. The only downsides are it's 200 miles away and costs \$15 to enter, but many people carpool up for the day, and the entry fee is waived for Central States club members, and for youths 17 and under. I cannot recommend it enough.

I believe we still need a few speakers this year. After the last few days, I was hoping someone would give a talk on "Taxes and Coin Collecting"... Oh well, maybe next year. As busy as it has been, I haven't had a chance to work much with the Electronic Payment, High Rollers, or IRS Compliance Committees, nor do I expect to make much progress before June. If you would like to participate on any of these, or just have ideas you would like to share, please email me at [andrusrex@gmail.com](mailto:andrusrex@gmail.com) and we'll start brainstorming.

I look forward to seeing you all this Monday.

Andy Nahrwold  
ICC President

## Adding A New Half Dollar to An Established Type Set

By Mark Benvenuto

Collectors are well aware that our half dollar may be the denomination with the most history and yet the least use of any coin the United States Mint has issued. Going all the way back to 1964, the Kennedy half dollar has come out of the various Mints for decades now, yet few of us have any memory of using one. Even if we are the type of person who wants to educate the underpaid fast food worker, and who thus uses one to pay for a meal (which invariably confuses that employee), probably none of us has ever had a fifty-cent coin returned to us as part of our change – in any transaction. Despite this, the United States Mint will put out a half dollar with a design special to the 250<sup>th</sup> year of our nation. We will apparently have a 2026 half dollar that has a one-year-only design. Assuming we are collectors to the core, let's see if buying one means we can add it to some kind of type set – and how far back that type set might go. Here's an informal blue print of how to do this.

### **The Kennedy half**

Even though we do not see buckets of Kennedy half dollars in everyday transactions, the series now has a long history to it. Depending on how we wish to define a “type” for a type set, we could have four different Kennedy halves in ours, only one of which will be expensive. First, we can have a proof from a recent year. It's probably easiest to get our hands on one of these by simply buying a proof set. They're not all that expensive. Second, we could do the same, but opt for a silver proof set, meaning one for which real, honest-to-goodness Element 47 is used for the silver coins. Yes, this will cost more than what we can call a base metal proof set, but not all that much more. Third, to these two we could add the special 2014-W gold version of the Kennedy half. Made to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the design, this is the expensive one, plain and simple. Going back further, as a fourth piece, we can add a 1964 Kennedy half to the group, the coin that both honors a young, slain President John F. Kennedy during time of national mourning, and the half dollar that stood alone for decades as the only 90% silver fifty-cent piece of the design. This is certainly common as a circulation strike, and actually not too expensive as a proof. With just over 3.9 million proof 1964s, it does indeed qualify as common.

### **A non-presidential Mr. Franklin stares to the right**

The twentieth century has seen quite a few former presidents grace our circulating coinage, and with a bit of a stretch, we can make the claim that Benjamin Franklin was one of them – really. After all, he was the President of the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania from 1785 up to 1788. That meant basically the governor at the time. In there he was also President of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, beginning in 1787. Since Mr. Washington did not become President of the United States until 1789, it might be fair to put Ben up on the same level as his more titled pal.

Adding a Franklin half dollar to any growing collection of fifty-cent pieces is not tough, as there were plenty of them pounded out, and even several years of proofs that saw over a million minted. The 1961s, the '62s, and the '63s actually saw over 3-million proofs, making each of them quite affordable today.

### **Walking into an older half or two**

Going back farther, from 1916 up to 1947 our half dollar sported the artistry of Mr. Adolph A. Weinman. The Walking Liberty half is widely considered to be one of the most beautiful coins ever produced for United States coinage; and today they are common enough that any interested collector should be able to find one or more very quickly. If we want a piece that shows some wear, the common dates can be purchased for little more than the price of silver. If we want something like a proof, well, there are a few years of those as well. And like the Kennedy, there is one absurdly expensive one.

If you are scratching your head about the expensive Walking Liberty half, it's not in the regular line-up. Rather, we are talking about the gold 2016-W half that commemorates the centennial anniversary of Mr. Weinman's work. There's ½ an ounce of gold in this one-year type, and so it will be expensive right now.

### **Mr. Barber's design**

Going back farther in time we get to the last of the silver pieces for which a single obverse design was shared by multiple denominations. The Barber half dollar, quarter, and dime all look the same, at least on the obverse, and all came out of the gate in 1892. While some collectors continue to pan this design as unimaginative, there are enough aficionados of it that there is a BCCS out there – the Barber Coin Collectors' Society. Adding one of these to any half-dollar type set should not be too tough.

### **The many times Liberty took a seat**

From 1839 all the way to 1891 the folks in a growing United States used the Seated Liberty design for most of their silver coins, including for the fifty-cent pieces. There were quite a few tweaks in that span of time, including additions to the legends, and a change in the amount of metal in each. But once again, finding just one for a collection should not pose a problem.

### **To Cap it all off**

Going back even further, we get to the Capped Bust design, which was the image on our silver from 1807 up to 1839. This series is a variety collector's dream come true, as there are plenty of changes that occurred in these few decades. But because there were no silver dollars produced for much of this time, the mintages of these halves sometimes ended up being way up there in the millions. That translates into some dates with reasonable prices today.

### **Overall – or, more?**

We can go back further, but doing so tends to get us to expensive, early half dollars. So we'll pause and take a breath right now, realizing that this is already an impressive type set.

With this being said, we can add all these to one of the 2026 half dollars commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nation, and for the most part do so without some huge expense. The best of luck to any of us who go out and give it a try.

## The 2026 Indianapolis Coin Club Officers and Board Members

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## Announcements

Here are some upcoming Midwest and national coin shows

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

### April

- 17-19 – Mich State Numis Soc Conv, Waterford Twp, Oakland Expo Ctr, 2212 Mill Dr E Hrs: Fr-Sa 10-6, Su10-3
- 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 – 87<sup>th</sup> 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] 72<sup>nd</sup> 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

### May

**Attention – the FUBA 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday show in May is on the FIRST Sunday (3 May), to keep it clear of Mothers' Day.**

- 2 – Jackson (MI) Area Coin Club Show. American Legion Post #29, 3200 Lansing Ave. 9-2
- 2 -- Stark County Coin Club Fall Coin Show. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 2427 W Tuscarawas St. Canton OH Hrs: 9am-3pm
- 3 – Collinsville, IL. 44th Annual Spring Metro East Coin & Currency Club Coin Show. American Legion Post 365, 1022 Vandalia St. (Route 159). Hrs: 9am to 3pm.
- 3 – Decatur Coin Show / Flea market. Riverside Center, Decatur IN 46733. Hrs: 9am-2pm
- 16 --Jasper Area Coin Club Show. Dubois County Museum, 2704 N. Newton St. Hrs:: 9am-2pm.
- 16 -- Lafayette Numismatic Soc Coin Show. River City Community Center, 2842 Old US 231. Hrs: 9am-2pm.
- 17 -- 67th Shelby County (OH) Coin Show. Shelby County Amer Leg, 1265 Fourth Ave. Sidney Hrs:10-3.
- 31 -- Greenhills Classic Coin/Stamp/Jewelry Show, Amer Legion Post 530, 11100 Winton Rd, Cincinnati OH  
Hrs: Sun 10-3:30

### June

- 4-5 – 43rd Ann Greater Cincinnati Numis Expo. Sharonville Conv Ctr, 11355 Chester Rd.  
Fri 10-6, Sat 10-3

**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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### Treasurer's Report for March 2026

My treasurer's report is as follows: the club has \$24,630.52 in its checking account. Since the last meeting, I deposited \$76 dollars and paid out \$400 to Mary Magee for managing the club website and sent \$100 to the North Side Social Club for room rental for the April 2026 meeting. I also wish to report that Gary Selig recently updated the club's corporate status so that the club remains in good standing with the state and Gary paid the required fee of \$21 as a club donation. Thank you, Gary. That's my report. Jerry 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](mailto: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 — Jeff Bercovitz — ""

\*Prize sponsor:

June 15, 2026 — Chris Bower — ""

\*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 March 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 7:00 p.m. by ICC President Andy Nahrwold. The **Attendance Prize** was a 1899 Barber half dollar donated by Donn Wray. There were 30 people in attendance.

The **Secretary's Report** for February 2026 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 February 2026 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.

**Reports of Committees** – The President is asking for volunteers to form three different committees to look into ideas to promote the well-being and future of the Club. They are:

- A High Roller Auction, that would take place once or twice a year, with a minimum bid of maybe \$100 and a higher lot fee than the usual \$2 for the seller and possibly a buyer's premium for the winner. This would potentially help the Club's budget shortfall. This committee would investigate the pros, cons, and potential liabilities of such an auction.
- Using electronic payments, possibly in conjunction with the Club's website. This committee would investigate payment methods such as Paypal, Venmo, Zelle, and others for Club business use and debate the usefulness of using electronic payments for the long term.
- The Club's tax-exempt status. This committee would investigate what it would take to get the Club back into compliance with the IRS regarding its tax-exempt status and be limited to researching those potential steps.

The purpose of these committees is to prepare possible options for these matters, upon which the board will vote.

**Old Business** – Gary Selig noted that the Club is accepting donations from members to help with the budget shortfall that continues to exist.

**New Business** – Jeff Bercovitz volunteered to give the educational talk for May and Chris Bower will give the educational talk for June. The Club's web Domain Registration expires on April 4, 2026, and Jim Sukup will use all available resources to assure that it is renewed on time.

**Numismatic Finds and Notes of Interest:** Jeff Bercovitz found a Japanese coin in a Coinstar machine, Steve Howery found several coins in a Coinstar machine, and Joe Boling found what is probably a copy of a 1923 Goetz medal accusing Germany of sexually molesting France.

**Educational Program:** Today's Educational Program was "I See Live People" by Donn Wray. With the possibility of President Donald Trump's image appearing on one or more coins in the near future, the question of whether a living person can appear on paper money and/or coins is at the forefront. In 1866, Spencer Clark, who was the first Superintendent of the National Currency Bureau, was told to put "Clark" on the five cent fractional currency note. Explorer William Clark was the intended image to be used, but Spencer Clark put his own image on the note. Outrage ensued, and congress passed a law shortly thereafter (the Thayer amendment) that the image of living persons cannot be placed on "the bonds, securities, notes, or postal currency of the United States." A few living people have appeared on coins since then. The 1921 Alabama commemorative half dollar featured governor T.E. Kilby and William Bibb, the first governor of Alabama, on the obverse. The 1926 Sesquicentennial of American Independence half dollar featured George Washington and current sitting president Calvin Coolidge. In 1995, Special Olympic Games founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who was still alive at the time, was featured on the Special Olympics Games one dollar coin. So, living people have appeared on coins since the Thayer amendment was passed, and it remains to be seen going forward if other living people will appear on coins in the future.

**Auction** – Today's auction consisted of 10 sheets, with \$20.00 going to the Club. ICC 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary medals added just \$1, and one donation sheet added \$17 to Club coffers.

**Fifty-Fifty Drawing:** The prize for the 50/50 drawing totaled \$69.00, with the club receiving \$35.00 and the winner \$34.00. The **Attendance Prize** was also awarded.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:29 p.m., and our next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 20, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Sukup, Secretary (jsukup@rpiratings.com)

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