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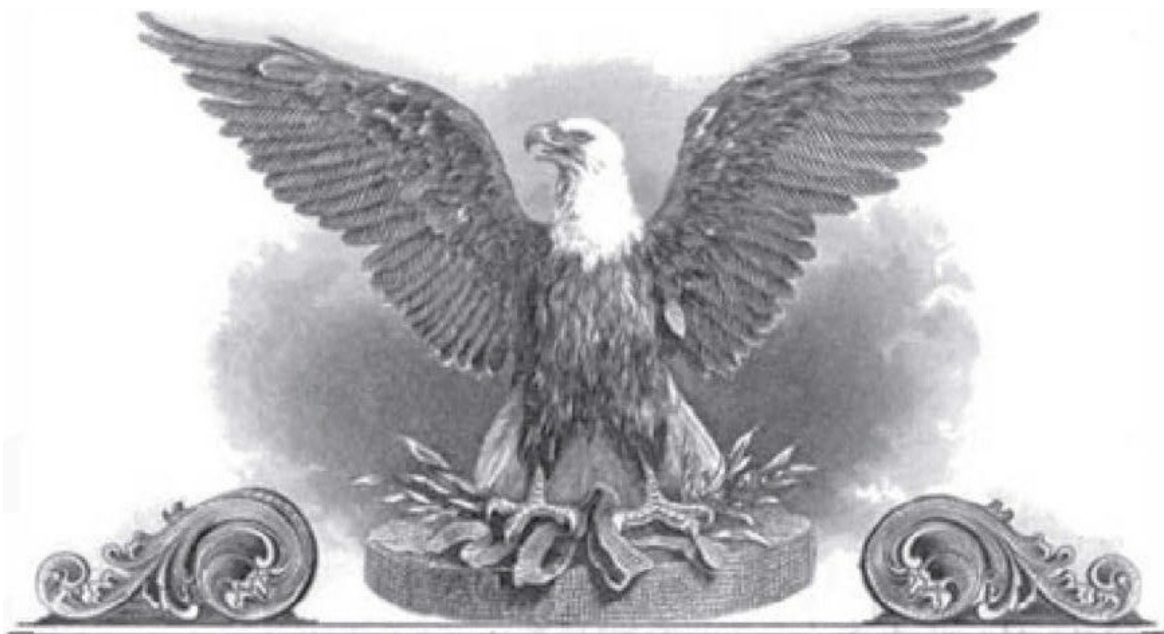


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The next meeting will be July 20th, 2026

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.



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:



**"WWI Brought New Notes, and the
Fakers Followed Right Along"
by Joseph Boling**

A Few Words from Your President

I hope everyone had a great Independence Day! 250 years! I have vague childhood memories of the Bicentennial celebration in 1976. I do remember the bicentennial coins though. It seems like everyone admired the designs (some still do), and despite how common they became it seems like everyone hoarded them as well. I wonder if the Semiquincentennial coins will fare the same? I must admit, I really like the design of the new dime, and half dollar and the quarters are also nice. While some of the prices may be questionable, the US Mint has done a great job of generating enthusiasm for these new coin designs. Between the discontinuation of the cent, to finding the new designs in pocket change and searching for the rare July 4th privy mark on the Declaration of Independence quarters, I've heard more about coins this year than perhaps ever before. I'll be sure to ask in the upcoming coin club meeting, but I'm curious if anyone has found any of the new designs yet. I know of one person who indeed found a privy mark quarter, and is currently trying to assess its value. These are great times to be a numismatist!

While there may be fewer regional coin shows around the state over the summer, there are still plenty of shows to attend; check out the listings further down in the newsletter. And don't forget about the upcoming ANA World's Fair of Money show next month in Pittsburgh.

Andy Nahrwold
ICC President

The 2026 Indianapolis Coin Club Officers and Board Members

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Large Cents – of Canada, That Is

By Mark Benvenuto

Collectors are generally aware that the United States used large cents as one of its two lower denomination coppers from the earliest days of the Mint up to 1857. Fewer of us are aware that our northern neighbor began minting a large cent in the middle of the nineteenth century and kept that large cent going for a much longer time. But precisely because these copper pieces are less well known, they tend to be collected by a smaller number of folks. Here's what a Canadian large cent series could encompass.

Stand-alone year

A bit like several series of United States coins, the Canadian large cents have a stand-alone year right at the outset. Rather unlike any U.S. coin series, the second year didn't pop up until eighteen years later. What we mean is that the 1858 large cent would be the only date on these coppers until 1876 – curiously, the same general time frame in which the United States got rid of the large cent.

The reason for this Rip-van-Winkle-type break among the Canadian large cents is that there were already a large number of bank tokens and other copper or brass pieces circulating, all of which didn't just go away when the new cents came out. Folks who do collect the tokens of this time usually learn a great deal about varieties, since there are plenty, as well as the history of a growing Great White North that unfolded during these years.

Importantly for us today, with 421,000 of the 1858 large cents added to the mix, according to official records, there are still quite a few that exist in better grades, even if some sellers claim this to be a lower mintage in the greater series. It doesn't take too much searching to find this piece, although mint state examples can be expensive.

Victoria for decades

Queen Victoria definitely leads the way on a wide number of coins, including the Canadian large cents. When they got up and running as a working circulating coin, in 1876, she stayed on them as the obverse image in one version or another all the way to 1901. There are again some empty years; for instance, none were made from 1877 to 1880. But after this, they came out fairly regularly, with an occasional missing year in there.

For variety collectors, the "version" term we just used applies to the many small, subtle varieties that occur throughout the series. Whether it is the curve of the queen's lip and chin, or the maple leaf design on the reverse, there are enough to satisfy the thirst of just about any variety collector. Of course, for those of us who just want a single piece for a type set, the mintages for many of them are high enough that this will be no problem. The 1876, for example, has a tally of 4 million spread among three varieties. As might be expected, the most common, sometimes called OC1, is quite affordable in all but the highest of grades.

Edward VII takes over

Much like Britain's King Charles today, Victoria's son Edward VII had to wait a remarkably long time to get the top job. The dear man was what is called the "heir apparent" for almost six decades before taking the throne at the age of 59. As a comparison, Victoria was only 18 years and a month old when she was crowned. This late ascension to the throne means that Edward is not on any British coins for all that long, the Canadian large cent included.

By the time Edward had his royal face on the Canadian large cent, mintages were routinely in the millions, with only the 1907-H dipping below that. The "H" mint mark, which denotes the firm called The Mint, Birmingham, Ltd, is the only mint mark in this series, which ran from 1902 until the year of King Edward's passing in 1910. There were 800,000 produced with the small "H" under the date, so this does not qualify as some super-rarity. But collectors who want a full, complete set of these cents want one of these as well. As with the San Francisco "S" mark on plenty of United States coins, this therefore gets treated like a rarity, even though there are plenty of them from which to choose.

George V came next

After the passing of Edward, it was King George V who took the throne. He was one of the sons of Edward, but one who most likely did not expect the crown during his early days. He was Edward's second son, but became the heir apparent when his older brother, Albert Victor, passed away at a young age during a pandemic. It was pneumonia that took the elder son, leaving a 44-year-old George to lead the nation.

Curiously, the first of the George V large cents, dated 1911, have what we might consider the normal legends around the image of the king – almost. The words, “Dei Gratia,” Latin for “by the grace of God,” were left off the cents of 1911. This prompted some grumbling among the public, with comments that the coins were “godless.” The omission was corrected the next year, with “Dei Gra” being inserted among the other legends. That doesn't make too much difference for us today, because over 4.6 million of the godless cents were coined.

The output of Canadian large cents remained hefty until 1920, the final year for them, with multi-million mintages annually. Today the price tags of all the George V large cents are rather reasonable. Once again, high mint state examples tend to be costly, especially with a “red” designation describing the surface coloring.

Then cents went small

In 1920, Canada butted heads with the same problem the United States had in the 1850's. The cost of copper was too high. Thus, there are large cents and small cents dated 1920, both of which are quite common. Beyond that, all the one cent pieces are the size we are generally used to today, meaning small.

The Canadian large cents are an interesting series, one with which a person can have a lot of fun. As well, they cover a large swath of the history of Canada, and can be educational to assemble into any type of set.



The “Godless” variety

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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

July

25 – Marietta (OH). Parkersburg CC 4th Annual Summer Show. Knights of Columbus Hall, 312 Franklin St.
Hrs: 10am-3pm. Free.

26 -- Greenhills Classic Coin/Stamp/Jewelry Show, Amer Legion Post 530, 11100 Winton Rd, Cincinnati OH
Hrs: Sun 10-3:30

26 – Springfield (IL). Central Illinois Num Assn Summer Show. Northfield Center I, 3210 Northfield Drive.
Hrs: 9am-4pm. \$1 admission

August

2 – Collinsville (IL). Dupo Coin Club 67th Annual Coin Show. American Legion, 1022 Vandalia Ave.

25-29 – Pittsburgh PA. **ANA World's Fair of Money**. David L. Lawrence Conv Ctr, 1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd. Hrs: Tue 1pm-5:30, Wed-Fri 10am-5:30, Sat 10am-3:30. \$10 daily, \$25 weekly pass. Free for ANA members & children under 12. Free for everyone Saturday

30 -- Greenhills Classic Coin/Stamp/Jewelry Show, Amer Legion Post 530, 11100 Winton Rd, Cincinnati OH
Hrs: Sun 10-3:30

September

12 – Grandville (MI). Grand Rapids Coin Club. Neil Fonger American Legion Post #179, 2327 Wilson Ave.
Hrs: 9am-3pm.

12 -- Irvine (KY). Little Mountains 20th Ann Coin & Knife Show. Estill County Fairgrounds, Event Building, 38 S Irvine Road. Hrs: 8am-5pm.

17-19 Countryside (IL). Illinois Numis Assn Convention. Countryside Banquet Conference Center, 6200 Joliet Rd. Hrs: 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-3pm.

19 – Marysville (MI). Marysville Coin Club Coin Show. Knight's Club, 1195 Gratiot Blvd. Hrs: 10am-3pm.

20 -- Rockford (IL). Rockford Area Coin Club Show. IBEW Local 364 Banquet Facility-6820 Mill Road.
Hrs: 9am-3pm.

27 -- Greenhills Classic Coin/Stamp/Jewelry Show, Amer Legion Post 530, 11100 Winton Rd, Cincinnati OH
Hrs: Sun 10-3:30

30-Oct 3 – Rosemont (IL). Great American Coin & Collectibles Show. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road. www.gacc.show.

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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, 1899 Barber half dollar

April 20, 2026 — the members present—extended Show and Tell

*Prize sponsor: Jim Sukup, 2010 silver Hot Springs, Arkansas Statehood quarter ultra cameo PF-69

May 18, 2026 — Jeff Bercovitz — “Indiana State Numismatic Association Medals”

*Prize sponsor: Jeff Bercovitz, 1964 Kennedy half-dollar

June 15, 2026 — Chris Bower — “Clark-Gruber & Co., Reborn in Colorado”

*Prize sponsor: Chris Bower

July 20, 2026 — “Joseph Boling” --- “WWI Brought New Notes, and the Fakers Followed Right Along”

*Prize sponsor: the Bolings

August 17, 2026 — Jim Sukup --- “A Brief History of the Indianapolis Coin Club”

*Prize sponsor: Jim Sukup

September 21, 2026 – Exhibit Night

*Prize sponsor: Indianapolis Coin Club

October 19, 2026 — “” **speaker needed**

*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

Treasurer's Report for June 2026

My report is as follows: the club has \$24,639.69 in its checking account. After the June, 2026 meeting, I deposited \$92. I recently sent the North Side Social Club a check for \$100 for room rental for our upcoming club meeting this month. That's my report. Jerry Coraz

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.

Minutes of the ICC Meeting on June 15, 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 Nahwold. The **Attendance Prize** was a 1971 Finland 10 Markka 50% silver athletic commemorative coin. There were 28 people in attendance.

The **Secretary's Report** for May 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 May 2026 was accepted as published in the *Planchet*, by a duly made motion that was seconded and passed by the membership.

Visitors – There were no visitors at this meeting.

Reports of Committees – There were no reports from any of the committees.

Old Business – There was no old business that was reported on.

New Business – A speaker is still needed for July. It was reported that Vinton Dove is back in a rehab facility, and his wife Pat recently broke her femur in a fall.

Numismatic Finds and Notes of Interest: Donn Wray and Gary Selig reported Coinstar finds, Joe Boling passed around pre-Revolutionary War notes with signatures found at the Second Sunday show, Bill Smith reported on finding a WWI medal, Indian Head cent, and silver quarter, and Jeff Long found a bag of Mercury Dimes.

Educational Program: Chris Bower gave today's educational talk entitled "Clark-Gruber & Co., Reborn in Colorado." As of August 2013, Moonlight Mint, operated by Dan Carr, is also officially doing business in the state of Colorado under the registered name "Clark Gruber & Company". Every year since 2015 the mint has produced a range of products in silver and gold that varies from year to year. The 1.5 oz octagonal coins have been consistently offered every year. The 1.5oz core product has a common reverse which is an ode to his Moonlight Mint. The only change made over the years is increasing the "face" value from \$60 to \$150. The obverse changes each year and is reflective of classic designs.

Auction – Today's auction consisted of 12 sheets, with \$24.00 going to the Club. A donation auction sheet to the Club added \$15.00, and ICC 75th anniversary medals added \$3. Nine 75th anniversary medals remain.

Fifty-Fifty Drawing: The prize for the 50/50 drawing totaled \$99, with the club receiving \$50 and the winner \$49.

The **Attendance Prize** was also awarded.

The meeting was **adjourned**, and our next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 20, 2026.

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

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