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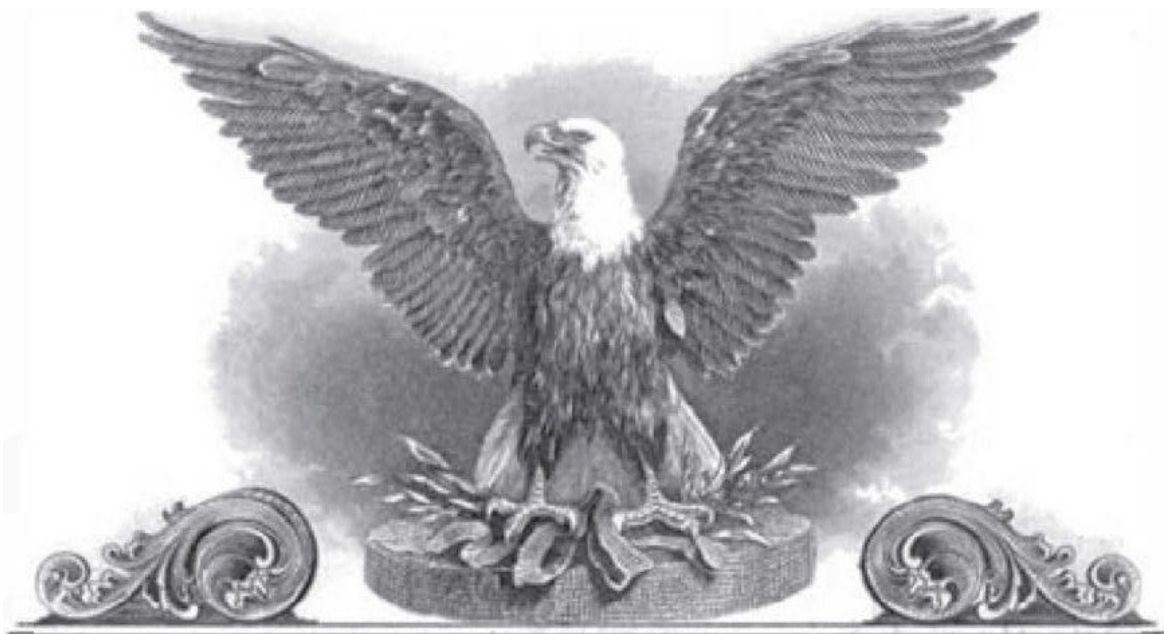


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The next meeting will be September 21st, 2026

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:



**Exhibit Night
by Adventurous Members**

A Few Words from Your President

One of my favorite quotes is by French philosopher and mathematician Renée Descartes. He said “common sense is the most fairly distributed commodity in the world, for everyone thinks he is so well-endowed with it that even those who are hardest to satisfy in all other matters are not in the habit of desiring more of it than they already have.” I guess it appeals to my cynical nature.

Well, the Common “Cents” Act was passed unanimously by the House this past Monday. The Senate passed their own version of the Common Cents Act on August 7, also unanimously. Of course, the two chambers will have to reconcile their bills before sending it to the president for signature, but it would appear to be merely a formality at this point. Once this becomes law, the penny will officially no longer be minted for circulation. New rules will be put in place for rounding cash transactions to the nearest five cents. And on that note, the US nickel composition may now be changed, to allow for a less expensive minting cost. While existing cents and nickels will still be allowed to circulate, and for the time being they will both still be minted for collectors, it seems we are truly at the end of a numismatic era.

Both bills passed their respective chambers unanimously. Does this make it Common Sense? Perhaps, though personally I have a bit of trouble using that phrase in conjunction with our federal government. In theory, as a taxpayer I don’t want our government to waste money on unnecessary production costs, but as a coin collector it is indeed discouraging.

Andy Nahrwold
ICC President

The 2026 Indianapolis Coin Club Officers and Board Members

President	Andy Nahrwold	Board Member 2025-2026	Chris Bower
Vice-President	Donn Wray	Board Member 2025-2026	Vinton Dove
Secretary	Jim Sukup	Board Member 2025-2026	Jim Roehrdanz
Treasurer	Gerald Coraz	Board Member 2026-2027	Jeff Bercovitz
Newsletter Editor	Joseph Boling	Board Member 2026-2027	Scott Grant
Past President	Sharon Bower	Board Member 2026-2027	Steve Howery
Sergeant-at-Arms	Jim Warden		

AMSA American Medal of the Year Announced: *Clothesline* Prevails at the 2026 AMY Awards by Steven Bieda

The American Medallic Sculpture Association (AMSA) has selected the recipient of the 2026 American Medal of the Year (AMY) award. This year's annual competition attracted over thirty submissions and continues a tradition that was initiated by Mel Wacks in 2014. This year's American Medal of the Year is featured, along with the other contestant's works, in the latest issue of *Members Exchange*, the quarterly publication of AMSA.

The 2026 American Medal of the Year was chosen from a diverse and talented field of works submitted by many of the artistic discipline's most talented contributors. This year's international competition was for works created in 2025. While most of the entries were accepted directly from the artists, some were nominated and submitted by AMSA members. The submissions ranged from traditional cast or struck medals to those using non-traditional materials and production techniques. The five-judge panel, led by Chief Judge Steven Bieda, chose a submission by Tracy Mahaffey, of Greene, Rhode Island, entitled *Clothesline*.

The round, double-sided medal, is composed of cast bronze, measures 115 mm (4.5 in), and weighs 16 oz. The obverse design consists of hanging laundry, while the reverse depicts two clothespins and a haiku. The haiku reads:

Taut line in bedroom,
mom's wooden
clothespins in place,
fresh scent memories

According to Mahaffey, this is the first medal in a series that she calls "Mundane Medals," the focus of which is to "celebrate all the beauty found daily in the little details of a busy life." In describing the medal, Mahaffey states: "I'm one who loves to hang dry my laundry year round. During the winter I string my clothesline up in my bedroom. When I wake in the early morning, I am always taken by how the first rays of light play over the rhythmic folds of the hanging clothes, creating great shadows, shapes, and texture, almost filling the clothes with life. A feeling of peace and comfort comes over me as memories of my mom hanging our laundry out as kids and the smell of fresh sheets comes rushing back. This feeling is captured in a haiku on the reverse side of the medal."

The design found a warm response from this year's jurors, with one remarking that the medal "... just elicited fond memories of childhood and warmth. Sometimes we don't need deep philosophical meaning and just need to build a pillow fort."

Tracy Mahaffey has been a professional sculptor and stone carver for over twenty-five years. She specializes in hand-carved memorials and gravestones, as well as inscriptional architectural carvings. Having come to the field of memorial arts through her studies in sculpture and relief, Tracy also finds joy in the beauty, expression, and playfulness of letters. She reports that her love for creating letters comes to life in her memorials, sculptures, and medallic work. Though stone is her first love, Tracy has been exploring other materials such as clay and cast metals to create smaller, more intimate, commemorative work. This is highlighted by her study and practice of medallic art, an art form that she believes has been even more under-appreciated than memorial arts. Tracy lives, works, and plays in a cat sanctuary in Greene, Rhode Island.

Her work can be viewed at www.tracymahaffey.com. Individuals interested in obtaining a medal can contact the artist directly either by contacting her via the website, or by writing to Tracy Mahaffey, 120 Hopkins Hollow Road, Greene, RI 02827 for ordering information. [continued next page]



AMSA was founded in 1982. Individuals interested in joining AMSA can find information at www.amsamedals.org or by writing to AMSA, P.O. Box 1201, Edmonds, WA 98020. Annual dues are \$45 for United States and Canadian addresses, \$55 for outside the U.S. and Canada. Matriculated students can join for \$25.

Indianapolis Coin Club members recognized by ANA

At the World's Fair of Money® last month, the following ICC members received awards or were recognized for awards that they had received earlier in the year.

Erik D. and Jennifer M. Kibbey – Century Club membership (having recruited 100 new members into ANA)

William Eckberg – Heath Literary Award, 1st place – for “Pattern Enigma”

William Eckberg – Wayte and Olga Raymond Memorial Literary Award, 1st place – for “Silver Center Cents”

Mark Benvenuto – Glenn Smedley Memorial Award

His citation reads: A prolific writer and exhibitor, Professor Benvenuto has written 1600 articles for local, regional, and national numismatic publications and received more than sixty literary awards in a thirty-year timespan. He has also created 61 numismatic exhibits since 1991.

Congratulations to these members.

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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

September

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.

October

4 -- Collinsville (IL). 43rd Ann Metro East Club, Amer Leg Post 365, 1022 Vandalia St (SR159) 9-3pm

4 – Flint (MI). Flint Flying Eagle CC Fall Show, Dom Polski Hall, 3415 N Linden Rd, Hrs: 10am-4pm

4 – Warren (MI). Royal Oak CC fall show, Macomb Elks Ldg, 25950 Schoenherr Rd, Hrs: 10am-3pm

9-10 – Englewood (OH) IKO-TAMS show, Amer Leg post 707, 200 W National Rd Hrs: 10am-5pm

10 – Jackson (MI). Jackson Area CC show, Amer Leg Pos 29, 3200 Lansing Ave. Hrs: 9am-2pm.

25 – Elgin (IL) CC Fall show, Holiday Inn 495 Airport Rd. Hrs: 9am-??

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

31 – Kalamazoo (MI) CC fall show, Kalamazoo Cy Expo Ctr, 2900 Lake St Hrs: 9am-3pm

November

7 – Crown Point (IN). Calumet Num Club fall show, Lake Cy Fairgrds 4H bldg., 889 S Court St 9-2:30pm

20-21 – Plainfield (IN) Indiana State show, Embassy Suites Hotel & Conv Ctr, 2353 Perry Road, 46168
Hrs: Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-4pm

20-22 – Warren (MI) Mich State Numis Soc conv, Macomb Comm Coll, 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd., 48088
Hrs: Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 10am-3pm

SPECIAL NOTICE – BECAUSE OF THE TIME DEVOTED TO EXHIBITOR PRESENTATIONS THIS MONTH, MEMBERS MAY ENTER ONLY ONE AUCTION SHEET IN THE SALE TO FOLLOW.

Editor's Note: The views expressed in any article are solely those of the author and do not represent the views of the ICC, nor does the ICC endorse any advertiser.

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 in 2027, 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: Andy Nahrwold, Canada 1967 Centennial dollar

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

*Prize sponsor: Jim Sukup, 2010-S silver PF-69 UC Yellowstone quarter

September 21, 2026 – Exhibit Night

*Prize sponsor: Indianapolis Coin Club

October 19, 2026 — Bill Smith “”

*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 August 2026

The treasurer's report is as follows: the club has \$24,385.69 in its checking account. After the August 2026 meeting, I deposited \$67 into the account. I plan on sending a check for \$100 to the North Side Social Club in a day or two for our club's room rental for the upcoming Sept 21 meeting. 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 Monday, August 17, 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 7:04 p.m. by ICC President Andy Nahrwold. The **Attendance Prize** was a 2010-S silver PF-69 UC Yellowstone quarter donated by Jim Sukup. There were 28 people in attendance.

The **Secretary's Report** for July 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 July 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 – Donn Wray will be securing prizes for our Exhibit Night next month from the Lost Dutchman. Andy noted that nominations for the ICC Board are needed for our October meeting, when the slate of candidates will be presented. (Andy noted that he will not run again for President.) Elections will be held during our November meeting.

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

New Business – Twelve members that were present plan to participate in our Exhibit Night and there should be enough cases for all participants to display their collections. The Kentucky State Coin show, to be held in Shepardsville August 20-22, will have about 143 tables and is one of the best regional shows in the area.

Numismatic Finds and Notes of Interest: There were several reports of Semiquincentennial coins being found in circulation, some new quarters being found with damages, some bicentennial quarters being found, and a 2019-W quarter being found in circulation. Chris Bower reported on Icelandic coins being procured from the "Iceland Mint," which was a small shack set up for visitors which was secured by rocks so it wouldn't blow away.

Educational Program: Jim Sukup gave today's educational talk entitled "A Brief History of The Indianapolis Coin Club." Jim told the attendees about the Club's first meeting in September of 1939, a list of charter members, and meeting places through the years. The list of life members was presented, along with information on ICC presidents, dues and meeting dates through the years, etc. Some of the miscellaneous topics included Club finances, awards from the City of Indianapolis and the Central States Numismatic Society, coin shows sponsored by the ICC in the 1990's and early 2000's, attendance figures, and how the name of "The Planchet" evolved through the years.

Auction – Today's auction consisted of 9 sheets, with \$18 going to the Club.

Fifty-Fifty Drawing: The prize for the 50/50 drawing totaled \$95, with the club receiving \$48 and the winner \$47. The **Attendance Prize** was also awarded.

The meeting was **adjourned**, and our next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 21, 2026.

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

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