



Hillside Coin Club



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Our next meeting is Monday April 13, 2015

Program: Chief Engravers/U.S. Mint (by Mike B)

Meetings 1st Monday each month at the Hillside Community Center, 1 Lind Street, Hillside, IL 60162, one block West of Wolf Rd, one traffic light North of Roosevelt Rd, (just west of Proviso High School).

The Hillside Coin Club Membership list is kept confidential

Minutes of the meeting on March 2, 2015:

Our 394th consecutive meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by our vice-president Bob H. with approximately 25 members and 1 guest in attendance. We had a first reading for both Sharon B. and Kevin B. who joined our ranks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim M. reminded us that there were still a couple of empty slots for programs for this year, namely September and November. Please contact anybody on the board to reserve your slot.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harold E. pointed out that the Elgin Coin Club is having a show on March 29. Anybody that plans to attend a show is encouraged to take some of the HCC brochures with them, as there is generally an information table for this purpose.

There was also a discussion on finding ways to encourage participation from young numismatists. More to come on that topic.

Finally, a few of our members are going to volunteer their time at the August ANA Money Show. Contact Bob Feiler for more information.

SHOW AND TELL:

David S. talked about ordering foreign coins on the web. He showed us a nice envelope from Belgium and remarked there are some very good deals to be had.

John F. discussed a currency tracking study that he was familiar with. I guess you can track most anything these days. Very interesting.

Jim S. showed one of the new Baseball Hall of Fame coins. These coins are concave on the obverse with a design of a baseball mitt, while the convex reverse replicates a baseball. This has been one of the mints most spectacular successes in recent memory and generated lots of money for the Hall of Fame.

Alan M. showed some war tokens from WWII and talked about how the government rationed gasoline, food and even nylon. He remembers using these as a child, and fondly remembers hobos that his mom helped out and at times would receive hobo nickels as a thank you.

We would encourage any of you who may have something of interest to your fellow club members to bring it with you to the next meeting and share it.

Please feel free to bring items for the silent auction. There will be many people willing to help get you started.

MAIN PRESENTATION:

Our newest member, Tyler R., gave a very nice presentation on Early American Copper Coins. He had a raw copper nugget to show how copper looks when first mined. He had many items that he passed around and gave a great synopsis on large copper cents, including many pictures of the different varieties of Liberty heads that were used. The most popular seemed to be the "Silly Head" and the "Booby Head". He had the answers to many questions that most of us didn't even know we needed to ask. In my opinion, he de-mystified this subject for us. All in all, the program was very well received and we're happy to have Tyler in our club.

BREAK FOR GOODIES:

USEFUL LINKS FOR COIN COLLECTORS

<http://www.coinweek.com/>

This is an interesting site that has articles on everything you can imagine related to coin collecting. It often includes articles specifically related to different series of coins.

<http://www.pcgs.com/Photograde/>

This site has a very comprehensive group of pictures in most grades of most of the major coins in the U.S. The pictures are quite detailed and it would be a help to anyone who buys or sells coins.

<http://www.pcgs.com>

While you're on the Photograde site, check out the extensive (and free) Price Guide. This is a list of PCGS slabbed coins at retail. If you haven't been on this site, you need to check it out!

<http://www.ngccoin.com/coin-explorer/>

This is similar to the PCGS, only for NGC holdered coins.

<http://www.coinflation.com/>

This site will tell you in real time, the metal content of most coins. It is very useful, especially for those who may be "stacking" silver.

<http://worldcoingallery.com/>

This site probably has the most complete set of pictures of any site out there. It includes most world coins, too.

<http://www.pennycollector.com/history.html>

<http://tecnews.org/> Elongated Collectors

These are two sites for elongated coins

<http://coinsandcanada.com/>

This is good if you go north of the border to collect.

<http://coppercoins.com/> Copper Coins

This is a good site if you collect copper coins.

<http://www.ha.com/>

Heritage Auction website. Free to sign up. A good site for current auctions as well as past results.

Have a favorite site? Please share it with us. Please email it to themaurers8@gmail.com and I will put it in a future newsletter!

RAFFLE PRIZES WINNERS:

Ed K.	1900 Indian cent EF
John G.	10 silver Roosevelt dimes
Paul B.	Mystery currency envelope
John B.	Sterling silver medal
Wolfgang S.	8 silver Mercury dimes

Tom H. 6 assorted buffalo nickels
Paul B. 1973 Proof set
Ed K. 1899 Barber quarter
Alan M. 1784 Mexican ship wreck coin
Ed K. 1975 Mint set
Nick W. 1914 buffalo nickel
Keith L. Jan. 1, 1863 Alabama dollar (currency)
Al M. Pewter U.S. mint medal

RING TOSS winners were Keith L. and Dennis G.

Member prize was won by Tom H., 1964 Kennedy Half

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:45

PRECIOUS METALS SPOT PRICE UPDATE (AS OF LATE AFTERNOON ON 3/20/15)

GOLD \$ 1182.40

SILVER \$ 16.725

UPCOMING COIN SHOW SCHEDULE:

April 5. Palatine. 1st Sunday Coin Show.

April 12. Countryside. 2nd Sunday Coin Show.

April 19. Itasca. NOISE 3rd Sunday Coin Show.

April 23-25 Central States Numismatic Society Coin Show.

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