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Our next meeting (#411) is Monday, August 1, 2016

Program: MEMBER AUCTION – Auctioneer will be our very own Bob H.

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 strictly confidential

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THE LOUPE

as 'eye' see it

By Kevin M. president

I'm sorry that I was unable to attend the Pest Free Picnic – Animal Coin Night. I received lots of feedback, most of which was positive, and I am led to believe that a good time was had by all.

I'm VERY GRATEFUL to all the people who helped in any way to make this party a rousing success. Specifically, all of you who showed up early and/or stayed late to set up, serve, clean up, plus a myriad of other tasks. Oh, and I hear the food was GREAT!! I want to especially thank Reid G. for his extremely generous contribution of a majority of the animal coins. He donated them and shipped them at his expense.

I hope that some of you who won animal coins or participated in the animal show and tell might be inspired to start another collection!

I have been working and planning toward a successful Member Auction on August 1. Bob H. has graciously accepted my request to be our "auctioneer", and he will be ably assisted by the rest of your officers. I was concerned about the amount of participation at last year's auction. In order to stimulate sales, there will be a special raffle for our members who win an auction. You will be eligible to win free raffle tickets based on your level of participation/success. This special raffle will only be open to auction winners. **PLEASE BRING CASH FOR THE AUCTIONS.**

[Minutes of our meeting on July 11, 2016:](#)

Our 410th consecutive meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by our Vice-president, Bob H, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. This occurred after dinner. There were 32 members and 15 guests in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS: The following is a calendar with some of our programs filled in. Do you have something to share? Consider being one of our monthly program presenters! See any of the officers for details.

SEP OPEN

OCT WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION (good of the club)

NOV OPEN

DEC CHRISTMAS BANQUET

NEW BUSINESS: The new business was, welcome to our guests, the food smells great, let's eat!

BREAK FOR TREATS: Treats were part of the dinner and brought by the members. Thanks to them.

FEATURE PRESENTATION:

There was no feature presentation (see the show and tell section).

SHOW AND TELL ANIMAL COINS:

Interestingly, there were very few duplicates in the show and tell section. There were so many coins and so many animals, that I will not even attempt to list them all, as they were coming faster than I could keep track of them. Needless to say there were some fascinating and obscure coins involved.

By [Jeff Garrett](#) July 19, 2016 [0 Comments](#) [Read More →](#)

Collecting Classic US Coins: Gem Circulated



Attractive coins can be found at all levels of the Sheldon scale

Much attention in numismatics is focused on quality. One of the most common pieces of wisdom dispensed by experienced numismatists is to buy the best you can afford. For decades this advice has served most collectors very well. Top quality coins have been all the rage. The popularity of registry collecting has focused an incredible amount of attention on the finest-known examples of 20th- and 21st-century series. An **NGC MS 70 1999 Silver Eagle** is more valuable than an **MS 63 1907 High Relief Double Eagle**.

The focus of this article is to highlight the fact that the pursuit of quality is not limited to the top end of the Sheldon scale. Now more than ever, collectors are demanding attractive examples of coins at all ranges of the grading scale. **Eye appeal has become the driving force for values**. Some collectors are very price sensitive, but most are more concerned with buying coins that look great for the grade. This concept includes everything from circulated **Colonial coinage** to **Territorial Gold coins** and everything in between.

Many collectors do not realize that they should keep quality in mind when purchasing circulated coins. **Large cent** collectors have known this since the beginning of organized numismatics. A beautiful chocolate brown, circulated large cent, sells for much more than the typical coin seen that has dark color and scattered porosity. Finding a circulated 19th-century large cent devoid of problems is a very difficult task. Nearly all show the scars of time to some degree.

The same collecting strategy employed by large cent collectors applies to nearly every area of the rare coin market. Circulated coins without problems are quite scarce and demand considerable premiums. Anyone who collects **Lincoln cents** in circulated grades know how difficult they are to find without problems. Many examples suffer from scratches, spotting, and rim problems. Uneven planchet colorations are also a commonly seen issue. As with any series, PVC residue is another issue that causes concern.

One of the biggest problems for collectors of nickel coinage is carbon spotting. Whether you collect **Shield nickels** or **Jefferson nickels**, carbon spots really devalue the price collectors are willing to pay. Most of these spots are nearly impossible to remove and doing so should only be attempted by conservation experts. For most of the earlier series, scratches and rim problems are the main areas that affect value.

NOT ALL CIRCULATED COINS LOOK THE SAME

Collecting circulated examples of silver coinage presents many challenges. Finding any issue with even wear and problem free surfaces is very difficult. Silver coinage is also more susceptible to tarnish and the metal is softer. The soft metal results in most circulated coins sustaining some sort of surface damage. Scratches and nicks are very common and are more likely than not on nearly all early issues. Early silver coins are also very susceptible to surface cleaning. Many buyers of uncertified early silver coinage find out too late that the coin they thought was a bargain is actually harshly cleaned. This is why certification is very important for even the lowest-graded coins if they are valuable.

RAFFLE PRIZES WINNERS:

Bob E.	.5 gram gold ingot
Nick W.	? Mystery envelope
AJ	WWII Silver Certificate w/HAWAII overmark
Kyle K.	1990 Silver Commem \$ 5-star General Prood
Bob H.	Bill of Rights Silver medal
Wolfgang S.	3 ass't SL quarters
Jim W.	Old Roman coin
David G.	1921-S Morgan dollar NGC AU-58
Kevin B.	5 ass't IKE dollars
Brandon	3 piece PDS President Coolidge set
Wolfgang S.	3 piece PDS President W.H. Harrison set
Ashley	Ass't rolls of cents and nickels
David G.	1852 ½ c Upper Canada bank token
Don W.	1861 CSA \$5 bill
Jim M.	1756 New Amsterdam Dutch duit
Oly M.	Partial date set of Roosevelt dimes

RING TOSS WINNERS: Jim S, John G. and all the youngsters in attendance

MEMBER PRIZE Sandy S, 2016 Silver Eagle

SPLIT THE POT Suspended for this meeting.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:25