



Elgin



Coin Club Newsletter

January 2009

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January Meeting

Meeting: 7:30pm January 7
Trading: 7:00–7:30pm
Location: VFW Post 1307
 1601 Weld Road
 Elgin, IL

Prizes

Member: 1924-S 25c.
YN: 1986-S 1c.
Raffle: 1913-D 1c.
 1926-S 1c.
 1943-P,D,S 1c.
 1915-P 5c.
 1916-P 5c.
 1926-D 5c.
 1917-P 10c.
 1927-D 10c.
 1935-D 10c.
 1937-S 10c.
 1945-P 10c.

Not a member?
Come anyway and join the fun!
Give your spouse a break and bring your children to the club.

ECC Meeting 608

Opened: 7:30	Closed: 9:00
Members: 22	YNs: 1
Guests: 2	50/50: \$521.00
Beginning: \$1,975.45	Income: \$154.00
Expenses: \$120.00	Current balance: \$2,009.45

January program

This month's program will be a general trading and discussion session. Please bring in some coins to trade and sell. We will also have a silent auction and I will take entries for this year's fantasy coin contest.

October minutes

Eagle called the meeting to order at 7:30. The Secretaries and Treasurers reports were read and accepted as published. Old and new business was discussed and show and tells were given. The month's program was our annual holiday dinner. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

12/30/08

Secretary's Report

The members in attendance accepted the report as printed in December's newsletter.

Treasurer's report

Balance: \$1,260.20

The report was accepted as published in December's newsletter.

Old Business

Fantasy coin contest

Marty K. won the 2008 fantasy coin contest and will receive a 1923-D peace dollar.

New Business

Tim T. was nominated for treasurer and Don C. for vice-president. Both were elected without opposition.

Prizes

We had our customary raffle and membership drawings. The raffle winners were Bob S., Char, Kay, Kay, Tammi, Rob V., Louise, Guy, Guy, Al M., Bob V., Tammi, Char, Jerry and Jim D.

Member: Mike M. would have won.

YN: Tammi

50/50: Judy

Special member prizes: Tim T. and Guy

The meeting closed around 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by Jim D.

Board Meeting

On December 10, Eagle, Don, Shea, Tim, and Jim D. met to discuss club business and select prizes for the January meeting.

Shows

- **January 4** — Lemont Coin Expo, Lithuanian world center, 14911 E. 127th, Lemont, IL
- **January 11** — West Suburban Coin & Collectible Expo, Park Place Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Rd., Countryside, IL
- **January 18** – NOISE Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 860 Irving Park Rd (2 blocks E. of IL 53), Itasca, IL.
- **January 25** — D'Atri Auctions, Double Tree Guest Suites, 2111 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove, IL.
March 29, 2009 Elgin coin club spring coin show. VFW post 1307, 1601 weld rd., Elgin, IL

Show and tell

Jim D. showed a September 1954 issue of the Numismatist.

Steve H. showed a Canadian silver dollar marking the 90th anniversary of the end of World War 1.

Tim T. brought in some coins from Europe obtained while on vacation and a wooden nickel with a real coin inside the club plans on using to promote our next coin show.

Guy showed a 1943-D winged liberty dime graded ms65 full split bands and a 1963 two-dollar bill.

Editorial

The Elgin coin club in 2008. 2008 was a good year for the club. In January eagle took over as club president and implemented several new ideas. The first was the purchase of a tv-dvd player so the club can present educational programs borrowed from the ANA library. Other new programs were a pizza party and a spring coin show to compliment our regular fall show. Both the party and show were successful and we plan on doing both again this year. Thanks to the profits made from the spring and fall show the treasury of the club improved from about \$728 in December 2007 to almost \$2000 in December 2008. Looking forward to 2009, we now have a new vice-president, Don C. and treasurer Tim T. If you have any requests for programs or other club activities this year please let the board know, your input is always welcome.

State quarter poll results. At the holiday dinner I conducted my 10th and final state quarter poll. In addition to asking the favorite design of 2008 I also asked the favorite and least favorite over the whole series. The results for this year's favorite are Alaska 5, New Mexico 2, Arizona and Hawaii 1 and Oklahoma 0. For the whole series Illinois, Nevada, Kansas and Alaska got 2 votes. North Dakota and Hawaii received 1 vote each. For the worst design the clear winner was Wyoming with 3 votes. Indiana received 2 votes and Minnesota, Texas, Georgia, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Alaska received 1 vote each.

The passing of Lloyd Tatman. On November 22, 2008 club member Lloyd Tatman passed away from complications stemming from cancer. Although he was a member for only a short time the club will miss him and our condolences go out to his family.

Coin design element of the month

The bald Eagle

Since 1794 the Bald eagle has appeared on most American coins with a denomination of 25 cents or more. Over that span of time the

depiction of the eagle has varied greatly due to the skill of the designer and the artistic sensibilities of the time. Some coins show the eagle in full flight. The best examples of this style include the St. Gaudens's double eagle, the Standing liberty quarter and the Sacagawea dollar. In the 1880's the prevalent depiction of the eagle is having the eagles breast covered with a shield and carrying arrows and an olive branch in it's talons. Examples of this style are the Seated liberty halves and dollars of the 1840's to 1890's, the gold Liberty coins of the same era and most recently the Kennedy half. Another popular pose for the eagle is perched on rocks or tree branches as seen on the Peace dollar, the Walking liberty half and some platinum bullion coins. Some designers took artistic liberties with the eagle and chose an art deco style as seen on the Bridgeport and Connecticut halves. The eagle has also been to the moon as seen on the Eisenhower and Susan Anthony dollars. Not all depictions of the eagle have been flattering. Look at the halves and dollars of the 1790's. The eagle on those coins looks somewhat scrawny and the eagle on the Franklin half is just filling space. Today with the continuing quarter commems, the presidential dollars and the new Sacagawea reverses the eagle now appears on one circulating coin, the Kennedy half.

Just a short message from the President.

Well another year comes to a close, 2009 is just around the corner, and with new coins, also we have new board members. Our new Vice President is Don Cerny and our Treasurer is Tim Tvrdik. Welcome aboard guys.

If you missed the Christmas party, the food was great!!! We gave out more prizes to members, our 50/50 winner was Judy, Guy's wife, \$47.00. The silent auction had a lot more coins this time, so keep 'em coming.

We lost one of our members, Lloyd Tatman. He passed of Pancreatic cancer on November 22nd, our condolences go out to his family.

If you haven't paid your dues please do so at the January meeting, \$10 for the 2009 New

Year.

I would like to thank Mike Metras for his time putting up the pictures of our Christmas party for this year 2008. The web site looks good, Thanks again Mike.

I would also like to thank Dave Carpenter for helping me find some more past board members we are missing for the history of our club that I'm trying to put back together. Thanks again Dave.

If you have any coins to buy, sell or trade please bring them in to the next silent auction at each meeting.

Hope you have a great Christmas and a Happy new year, see you at the next meeting Jan 7th 2009.

Eagle McMahon
E.C.C. President

Scenes from the Christmas party





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Regular Meeting: First Wednesday
VFW Post 1307
1601 Weld Road
Elgin, IL

7:30pm

Visitors are always welcome. Weld Road is a frontage road between McLean and Randall Roads just south of US 20 on the south side of Elgin.

Board Meeting: We have a board meeting about two weeks after the regular meeting. We get together at one of the officer or board member's houses or at a location otherwise determined by the officers. This is an *open* meeting. Members are welcome to all board meetings. If you want to attend, contact an officer for the time of and directions to the meeting place.

Internet: The club has a home page on the internet at www.worksandwords.com. You can view the monthly newsletter there about three or four days after it is sent out to the members.

Club Dues: Membership dues in the Elgin Coin Club, payable by the end of February each year, are:

- \$10 full member
- \$5 junior member (YNs) under 18
- \$15 family membership (all adults and children in the family)

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