

NORTHSIDE COIN CLUB NEWSLETTER

October 2009 Issue

The monthly Northside Coin Club meeting will be held on Thursday October 1st, 2009 at 7 PM (doors open at 6:30) at the Cimarron Village Community Building in Broomfield, see our web site www.northsidecoinclub.org for directions. The program for this month has not been determined as this newsletter goes to press.

SNACKS – The Secretary has no information on anyone being signed up to bring snacks for the October meeting.

COIN of the MONTH – Indian Head Cent. (If possible a higher grade, nice collector coin, preferably un-circulated).

[The “Coin of the Month” works as follows. Bring one coin, of the type described as the featured coin of the month, preferably in a 2x2 or flip. If you bring a coin, you will get a ticket in the drawing and your coin goes into the pot. We then draw one ticket and the winner gets the entire pot of coins that were featured.

SHOW and TELL – bring some interesting item from your collection that you would like to show the members and give a quick (1 minute) talk on.

Last months meeting was held on September 3rd. 24 members were present.

The Secretary would like to thank Stuart R. for filling in for him and taking the meeting notes.

MINUTES – Vice-President Dave F. called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. President Tim Z. and Secretary Mark H. were absent.

Michael T. gave the Treasurers report and stated we have \$1112.77 in the club account. Michael stated that this total was a sight increase from the previous month. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurers report. (Remember that any adult member may see the complete Treasurer’s report by simply requesting to view it at the meeting.) Dave F. announced that he had been written up in the “Numismatist in Action” section of the September issue of the Numismatist.

The upcoming coin shows were reviewed.

Stuart R. announced that he had John Tyler P (2009) dollar coins and the American Samoa DC+Territories quarters for sale, new this month.

Old Business

Coin Show – Dave F. brought up the idea of the club doing another coin show. Two people voiced opinions in doing so, both were positive, but it will be brought up at the next Board meeting.

New Business

Dave F. mentioned that a local woman had contacted the club through the wonderful club

website (<http://www.northsidecoinclub.org>) about selling her father's coin collection. At the present time, it is unknown how large the collection is other than a "large box." Dave F. had volunteered to appraise the collection and asked whether the club wanted to bid on it or if he should make an offer. It was decided that Dave F. would look over the coins and then possibly send it out as a supplementary club-wide e-mail for further decision-making, hopefully before the October meeting.

SHOW & TELL

John B.: Talked about State quarters, specifically a Colorado statehood quarter that shows Pike's peak instead of Long's peak. This was a pattern in metal, designed by Daniel Carr. The obverse of the quarter has Daniel Carr, too, instead of Washington (and it says "CARRter Dollar" -- a play on "Quarter Dollar"). John also discussed a few other "play" quarters, such as Wyoming as "The Empty Rectangle State" and New Mexico as "Nuke Mexico." Carr sells them on his website, but he is almost out of them. Dave F. gave a little more information on Carr, who digitizes his design and actually has a press from the Mint and creates his own dies and strikes his own coins, making himself his own "private mint." Carr was the one who created the "Amero" coin that conspiracy theorists have picked up on thinking that it will be the currency of the new North American Union.

John B.: Another presentation was on Cheyenne-oriented coins, specifically a medal commemorating when it was founded. He also discussed the difference between a "medal" (something that was never intended to circulate) vs. a "token" (a coin-like piece that was intended to circulate when there was a lack of coinage). He also brought in an 1821 US 25¢, though it was likely cleaned it was in an NGC slab.

Don K.: Showed coin-like medals for awarding of when people win sports awards.

Stuart R.: Two new International Year of Astronomy coins were presented. The first is from San Marino, struck by the Italian mint, and shows Johannas Kepler on one side and commemorates his "New Astronomy" (Astronomia Nova). The reverse contains a stylized view of the solar system surrounded by the zodiacal symbols. The second coin is from Australia and is a 50 gm. silver coin that surrounds a plastic container that contains a few pieces of an iron-nickel meteorite. The obverse contains the Queen with a stylized image of the solar system and planets (plus Pluto) while the reverse contains faces looking upwards towards star trails and monuments from around the world around the rim.

Robb N.: Brought in a set of 4 Grand Casino tokens, gold-plated, plus one silver. He doesn't know much about them, so asked the club members that if they know anything about casino tokens in general to help him learn more.

Michael T.: Showed some very old coin albums that people were expected to fill and then send back for a fairly low return on the coin set. He also sent around some information that he had found online about the general scheme.

COIN QUIZ

No coin quiz was given this month. Dave F., the last winner, will give a quiz some time in the coming months.

PROGRAM – The program was presented by Dave F. and was a continuation, from last months program, of the highlights of the 6-hour class he and Bruce Breedlove gave as a mini-seminar during the second week of this years' ANA Summer Seminar. The class was on Detecting Counterfeit coins. Among topics discussed were the legality of owning and trading counterfeits, altered/added/removed mint marks, and altered dates. Some of the key things to look for are (a) tool marks, (b) letter and number spacing (e.g., removing part of a "4" to make a 1944 into a 1914), and (c) for known rarities (like the 1909 S V.D.B. 1¢ Lincoln or 1916 D 10¢ Mercury) there are very few dies that were used, and they are well documented as to exactly what the coins should look like.

The "Coin of the Month", which was a Token/Medal, consisting of a pot of 3 coins, was won by Dave F.

Door prizes and Raffle winners were;

The Door prize: Olympic Coin won by Gary B.

Door prize #2: Half Dollar was won by Steve L.

Door prize #3: Australian Proof set was won by John B.

The Raffle prize: There was no Raffle this month

Auction was held following the meeting.

If you would like to bring snacks, just sign up on the attendance sheet for the month you would like to bring them.

No one has signed up yet to bring snacks for the November meeting, or any other future meetings.

Upcoming Coin Shows

Oct 3rd & 4th Front Range Coin Club Fall Coin Show
Boulder County Fairgrounds, Barn A
Corner of Hover & Nelsen Roads
Longmont, CO
9:00am to 4:00pm both days
Kid's Auction starts at 3:00
Contact Bob Thayer (303) 717-1010

Oct 14th Greeley Evans Coin & Collectables Show
3456 11 Ave
Evans, CO
9am to 5pm
Contact Gene Carlson (970) 339-0006

Oct 30th – Nov 1st Denver Coin Exposition
National Western Stock Show complex
Expo Hall
I-70 & Brighton Blvd.
Denver, CO
10:00am to 6:00pm Fri-Sat, 10:00am – 3:00pm Sunday
Admission charged
Contact Jerry Morgan (719) 275-0585
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* Indicates that this persons' term expires at the end of 2009.

Secretary's Editorial Page

(Views here are mine and may not reflect the views of the NSCC or its other officers)

No editorial this month.

If you would like to submit an article to be used in the Secretary's Editorial Page, just email it to me at secretary@northsidecoinclub.org .