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# NORTHSIDE COIN CLUB



## COIN CHATTER

P.O. Box 1837 Broomfield, CO 80038-1837

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### Upcoming Meeting Announcement

The monthly Northside Coin Club meeting will be held on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at 7 PM (doors open at 6:30) at the Cimarron Village Community Building in Broomfield, see our web site [www.northsidecoinclub.org](http://www.northsidecoinclub.org) for directions.

### Other Announcements

**PROGRAM** – There will be no program this month as it is time for the end of the year Christmas party pot luck dinner! The NSCC will furnish the main dish and the drinks. All you need to do is bring a side dish, salad, dessert, or some other item to share, along with your appetite. You can even bring your spouse. There will also be plenty of opportunity to talk coins with fellow members.

**SNACKS** – No snacks will be needed in December as that is our Pot Luck

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 January 2012 meeting or any other upcoming meetings.

**COIN of the MONTH** – Pot Luck. Bring anything you like. (A nice, no problems, coin that you, as a collector, would like to have, would be appreciated).

[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.]

**COIN QUIZ** – There will not be a coin quiz this month.

**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.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS** – We have been talking again with ANA President, Tom Hallenbeck, on giving a program on “Coin Grading”. Schedule conflicts didn’t allow him to do it as we had hoped in October or November. It looks like his schedule will allow him to give this program in March of next year. Don’t miss this one if you want to get some great insight into the subtleties of grading.

**UPCOMING ELECTIONS** – Nominations were opened last month for the offices of President, Secretary, and Director #2. Current holders of these positions are; President - Dave F., Secretary – Mark H., Director #2 – Steve L.

Nominations will close at the end of the December meeting.

At the November meeting Dave F. was nominated for the office of President, and accepted the nomination.

Mark H. was nominated for the office of Secretary and accepted the nomination.

Steve L. was nominated for the Director #2 position and accepted the nomination.

Michael T. was nominated for the Director #2 position but was not in attendance at the meeting and has not yet formally accepted or declined the nomination.

Come to the meeting with ideas on who you would like to see be nominated to fill these positions. Just because we have nominees that have accepted the nominations for all positions, doesn't mean we can't have more individuals nominated!

The January Coin Chatter Newsletter will have a sample ballot of all nominees. Voting will take place at the January meeting. New Officers and Directors assume their new duties at the February meeting.

## Minutes, Notes, and Happenings of last months' meeting

Last month's meeting was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were 19 members present.

President Dave F. called the meeting to order at 7:03.

We had no guests or new members.

Dave had his stack old coin magazines and Coin World newspapers, which were available for club members to borrow and read. He also gave a quick rundown on some of the interesting articles including one on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary SAE sets. They quickly sold out and the order process was a huge mess. The US Mint even sent out an apology letter. Two club members indicated that they had gotten in an placed orders.

Dave gave a quick review of the past months' coin shows. He indicated that the Albuquerque NM show had some issues with confusion over the date of the show, but Dave indicated it was a good show for him. The Greeley CO show was very slow. The Denver show had big crowds, was very busy for Dave, and he had a good show. Theo G. gave a quick story concerning an incident at the Denver show. A customer had shown a dealer a slabbed 1909-S VDB and the dealer agreed to buy it. A short time later the dealer realized that the customer had switched coins on him and he had been given a 1909 VDB (no S).

Dave then reminded everyone of the upcoming coins shows.

Dave reviewed for everyone this months' Coin of the Month, Door Prize, and Raffle Prize.

Dave gave club members a quick demo on the use of Duck Bill Pliers to bend down the staples on cardboard 2x2s. He said it was important to do this to help prevent the staples from tearing and scratching coins in other 2x2 when they are stored in boxes.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Dave We. gave the Treasurers report and stated we have \$2,619.41 in the club account. 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 thanked Gertrude K. and Stuart R. for bringing snacks.

Steve L. reported that there were not any new quarters out at this time

Dave W. reported that he had some 2011 P dimes available.

## Old Business

No updates on a new meeting location.

Dave F. related additional information on the upcoming Four Mile Historic Park Chautauqua Series presentation and how the auction had been cancelled.

Dave talked about the Wooden Nickel to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NSCC. The final selection was for Black printing with a Buffalo and the words Broomfield Colorado. The club discussed on how many should be ordered and it was decided to order 250.

Dave reminded everyone of the upcoming elections. (See above for nominations)

## New Business

Dave reminded everyone of the Pot Luck to be held at the December meeting.

## Last Months' "Show and Tell" Recap

Dave F. had an example of a humorous version of a Chinese Panda made by Dan Carr. Dave also had a coin from the Julius Caesar period. It was a Denarius with Venus is on the Obverse and the Reverse has a figure of 2 captives. Dave indicated that the coin was struck in Spain.

Don K. had a box he had acquired 40 years ago at a coin shop he worked for in Englewood, CO. The box had been purchased full of rolls of Mercury dimes. Originally there had been 1500 coins. Don said that there were approximately 850 left and he was wanting to sell them.

Rich M. related a story of receiving a \$2 bill in change earlier in the evening and had never seen one before and didn't even know they existed.

Mark H. had some enlarged photos of a 1870 Indian Head Cent (Obverse and Reverse) that he wanted members to look at and give a grade opinion. Of the members who looked at the photos and provided a grading opinion, most felt the coin was a nicer AU(55-58) coin, with obvious wear on the typical high points. Mark then showed the picture of the slab it was in. PCGS MS63BN and it had also been "Photo Sealed" by Rick Snow indicating he agreed with the grade. (Photo Seal is like a CAC sticker, and is on Indian Head and Flying Eagle Cents only) [Market Grading at its' finest !!??]

#### Coin Quiz Winner

There was no Coin Quiz given in November.

#### Prize Winners

Coin of the Month: Jefferson "Silver Wartime" Nickel. Dave F. won a pot of 2 coins.

Door Prizes: A 1949-S Uncirculated Lincoln Cent was won by Dan F. , A 1938-S Uncirculated Lincoln Cent was won by Stuart R. , 3 gold plated Bi-centennial medals were won by Don K. , Dick C. , and Dave Wi.

Raffle Prize: A 1940-S Winged Liberty (Mercury) dime graded MS64 FSB by ANACS, was won by Dick C.

#### Program

The program was given by Dan Eicher, on "Modern Commemorative Coins". Dan began collecting Commemorative coins back in the early 80s and decided on focus only on the Modern Commemorative coins. He had photos of many of them along with information on mintages and rarity. He also had is collection with him to allow members to view it up close after his program.

### Coin Photography Versus Scanning

By: Rich Martinez

I want to talk about coin photography versus scanning coins. Each method has its advantages and disadvantages to obtaining a picture of a coin. Now a lot of hard core coin photographers may totally disagree with my preference for scanning coins and I truly admire those who have both the patience and skills to successfully photograph a coin. I do not have the patience or skills but I have my reasons for preferring scanning coins over photographing coins and here they are.

I spent \$200 on a point and shoot digital camera before I even started collecting coins. I tried my hand and photographing coins when I first started collecting and failed miserably. So, I went out and spent \$100 on a scanner. In case you are keeping track I'm up to \$100 specifically for getting pictures of my coins. I do not count my camera purchase because I did not buy the camera specifically for coin photography I bought the camera for taking pictures of everything else.

I started scanning proof sets and modern commemorative coins and they all turned out beautiful and continue to do so with very little effort on my part. The minor issues started when I tried scanning uncirculated Sacagawea Dollars. I quickly learned that my scanner picks up every imperfection, even those not visible to the highest trained human eye.

A local coin dealer started razzing me about scanning my coins and my displeasure for the fact that I could see every little imperfection. Did I happen to mention that I'm visually impaired? Which is also why I'll never even attempt to grade a coin but that is another topic for another day. This local coin dealer doesn't understand why anyone would want a picture of a coin that is in their hand. I explained my website to him at which point he just shook his head and walked away.

I looked into the equipment needed to get good coin photographs and it was going to cost me \$180 plus shipping plus a lot of time learning how to correctly photograph a coin, this brings us back to the patience part, again I don't have it. Besides that my total would have gone from \$100 to \$280 and I'd rather spend that money on coins. Scanning coins is easy for me because I place the coin on the scanner bed, close the lid, hit the button and that is it. I don't have to mess with lighting or angles or anything like that.

However, I will say a well photographed coin looks a lot better than a scanned coin but when it comes to my website the quality is stripped down anyway so my scans work just fine. Why would anybody take a picture of a coin? Well I do it for my website. I do however let my website readers know that a coin magnified 100 times is not going to look good and that a coin ALWAYS looks better in your hand than in a picture.

### Requests

If you have pictures of coins that you would like to see in the Coin Chatter under the Coin Picture of the Month, please email them to your Secretary. I would prefer jpeg files that are 40k or less in size with a white background.

If you would like to write an article on a coin subject that interests you, and you think other members would be interested in that subject also, send it to your Secretary and it can be published in the Coin Chatter.

**The NSCC needs programs.** If you have a program idea or know of someone who can do a program at an upcoming NSCC meeting, contact the NSCC President or Secretary.

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Secretary [secretary@northsidecoinclub.org](mailto:secretary@northsidecoinclub.org)

## UP COMING COIN SHOWS

### DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

FORT COLLINS FALL COIN SHOW  
THE HILTON HOTEL – LEGENDS ROOM  
425 W. PROSPECT ROAD  
FORT COLLINS, CO  
9AM TO 4PM

## OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR 2011

PRESIDENT \*

**DAVE F.**

VICE PRESIDENT

**KERRY H.**

SECRETARY \*

**MARK H.**

TREASURER

**DAVE WE.**

DIRECTOR # 1

**RICH M.**

DIRECTOR # 2 \*

**STEVE L.**

DIRECTOR # 3

**DAVE WI.**

\* INDICATES THAT THIS PERSONS' TERM EXPIRES AT THE  
END OF 2011

### Coin Picture of the Month



1907 Saint Gaudens

## **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. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter or an editorial to be used in the "Secretary's Editorial Page", just email it to me at [secretary@northsidecoinclub.org](mailto:secretary@northsidecoinclub.org) .