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COURIER COMMENTS

Request volunteers to conduct their coin interview.

On July 20, Jose presented his slide show with many interesting facts about Cuba and Cuban numismatics as summarized below.

2005 Baltimore Coin Club Calendar of Events

6	July	Theme – US Proofs
20	July	Program - Cuba coins and history
3	August	Theme – My Favorite Foreign Coin and Paper Money
17	August	Program – Youth Night
7	September	Theme - Elongates
21	September	Program
5	October	Theme – My Favorite Nickel
19	October	Reunion Night (Colonial CC & Hanover Numismatic Society)
2	November	Theme – My Favorite Coin Series
16	November	
7	December	Theme – My Best and Worst Paper Money
21	December	Holiday Dinner
4	January	Theme – My Favorite Non-numismatic collection
18	January	

Message to Members of the Baltimore Coin Club

Dear Club Members:

Thank you all for thinking of me during my surgery. Your encouraging notes and wishes gave me the boost I needed.

I'm glad it's all behind me. Now I can go on with my wonderful life with "nurse William". I graduated from the walker to the cane.

Thank you again.

Love,
Mitzi

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Baltimore Coin Club has been in existence since 1935 (71 years), our Club would not survive without dedicated members who volunteered to do their part to make it what it is today! I want to thank everyone who has stepped forward and served in the past as officers, for without you our Club would not be what it is today.

I would also like to take this opportunity to give special thanks to the individuals that put their names in the hat to run for office in this year's elections, Bob Ruby and Larry Kuhn for Vic-President, Bill Ayres for Secretary, and Tom Palmer and Joe Adam for Treasurer. I also want to thank *Bill Stratemeyer* for taking over the Club Library and Don Kern for taking over the snacks and Refreshments from Joe Adam.

Also I would like to thank the others that contribute to the success of each meeting, Shandon Cohen the Prize Chairman, Nick for putting together and issuing the Currier, our Club News letter, Tom Palmer, the Program Chairman, and the others that set-up the room and distribute tickets. Also I want to thank those (too numerous to list here) who have helped out in the past at the Baltimore/Washington Coin Show, and the BANC Show, which provides funds to help to keep our Treasury solvent.

I would like to paraphrase from John F. Kennedy's famous Speech: "Ask not what your Club can do for you, but what you can do for your Club"! I challenge each and everyone, who has not yet stepped forward to help in the future to contribute to our long Club's history. Consider how you can help your fellow members that always volunteer to serve in numerous ways, and contribute your support and share in the workload. It was good to see more than one individual on our ballot for this year's election, and I hope this continues. We are all here to help each other in keeping the Baltimore Coin Club one of the best Coin Clubs in the country for another 71 years!

Don Curtis
President



This coin features the name of the country, its coat of arms, and the denomination on the obverse. The reverse shows the date(1920), the weight in grams, and the words "Country and Liberty".

Republic of Cuba History and Coins Jose Garcia-Garica

Jose presented his saga and interest in Cuba numismatics starting with his departure from Cuba in 1979 and he had to leave his coin collection behind when he migrate here to the United States. Cuban coins had many symbols to represent history, life, and Cuban people to include on the obverse: the triangle represented freedom, equality-fraternity, Star- Unit of Cubans, Red-Blood shed; reverse contain Cuban landscape, Oak Branch as strength, laurel branch victory.

Cuba was discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492, and settled by Diego Vekasquez in the early 16th century. Cuba remained under Spanish rule until 1898 lead by Jose Marti and Cubans struggled for many years for independence. Jose Marti the Cuban patriot who died in one of the first skirmishes against the Spanish in Cuba.

First coin used gold from Americas (Cuban gold) Excelentes de la Granada (Ferdinard & Isabella) known as ducados.

Sovenir Peso minted 1897 with no face value designed and minted by the United States there are two varieties date and stars.

Coin Show Baltimore Convention Center
March 17, 2006

I want to thank the following Baltimore Coin Club members and their wives that helped at public registration. **Bill Stratemeyer**

Public Registration

Friday March 17, 2006

Chairman: Bill Stratemeyer

1. Gene Stumbroski
2. Joe Adam
3. Joe & Margie Burford
4. Karl Keller
5. Jerry McConnel
6. Ron Sheridan

Saturday March 18, 2006

Chairman: Nick Kurlick

1. Larry Goldman
2. Jerry McConnel
3. Larry Kuhn
4. Joe and Margie Burford
5. Jose C. Garcia-Garcia
6. Adriana Garcia-Gracia
7. Don Curtis
8. Bill Ayres
9. Richard Simak
10. Al Ciolfi
11. Karl Keller

Sunday March 19, 2006

Chairman: Frank Murphy

1. Bryce Doxzon
2. Sandon Cohen
3. Don Kern
4. Bill Ayres
5. Larry Kuhn

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Article provide by Mill Hajek

A Summary of the World.....

If we could, at this time, shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look like this...

- 1. There would be 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere, and 8 Africans (North & South).**
- 2. Of the 100 people, 70 would be non-white; 30 would be white.**
- 3. Of the population, 70 would be non-Christian; 30 would be Christian.**
- 4. Fifty per cent (50%) of the entire world's wealth would be in the hands of 6 people. All 6 people would be citizens of the United States.**
- 5. Of the 100 people, 70 would be unable to read.**
- 6. Fifty (50) people would suffer from malnutrition.**
- 7. Eighty (80) people would live in sub-standard housing.**
- 8. Only one person of the entire population would have a college education.**

When one considers our world from such an incredibly compressed perspective, the need for both tolerance and understanding becomes glaringly apparent.

("A Summary of the World...." Recreated from e-mail PUBWASH-L@cornell.edu)

Coin Courier Interview
By Ned Loweree

1. What numismatic material do you collect?
I collect US modern day commemorative coins.
2. How long have you been collecting and how did you get started?
I started in the 1960's. I worked for a slot and vending machine company as an internal accountant. I had access to receipts.
3. In what other numismatic clubs do you belong?
I also am a member of the Catonsville Coin Club.
4. What are you most prized or interesting numismatic items?
I have ½ oz. gold coins given to me from my mother.
5. What was your most interesting find in circulation?
I have discovered the 1950-D 5-cent piece by picking in change.
6. What are you non-numismatic collections?
I have no other collections.
7. How did you come to join the Baltimore Coin Club?
I used my computer and survey the web-page, then called Ed.

Secrets of the US Mint

BCC members were entertained with a History Channel show of “Secrets of the US Mint”. The DVD presented many of the following interesting facts:

- 1) There is an underground vault at the San Francisco Mint
- 2) Silver coins
 - a. Blanks are polished by steel pellets
 - b. The Mint uses cellophane on the dies
 - c. Dies are stored in a special vault
 - d. Dies are accounted, tracked, and signed by dual custody
 - e. Dies are issued to the operators
 - f. If dies are misplaced, then no employees can leave until discovery of the misplaced die
 - g. Presses use 90 tons of pressure to strike silver coins
 - h. Silver coins are struck twice
- 3) Mint presses generate 30 quarters a minute
- 4) Mistakes are melted
- 5) West Point is the smallest branch
- 6) There is over \$60 billion dollars of precious metals at this facility
- 7) The West Point facility uses two-man rule for transferring troy gold bars
- 8) Gold coins
 - a. Blanks are vacuum sealed
 - b. Blanks are polished with steel pellets and rinsed three times
 - c. Blanks are dried by sound waves to prevent spotting
 - d. Blanks are coated with oil to expedite the production process
 - e. Presses use 100 tons of pressure to strike gold coins
 - f. Gold coins are struck three times
 - g. Quality control rejects 1 out of 7

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About the United States Mint



United States Mint Police

Established in 1792, the United States Mint Police is one of the oldest federal law enforcement agencies in the nation. Responsible for establishing the standard "As secure as Fort Knox," our officers continue to meet that standard everyday. The U.S. Mint Police are responsible for protecting over \$100 billion in Treasury and other Government assets stored in facilities located at Philadelphia, PA; San Francisco, CA; West Point, NY; Denver, CO; Fort Knox, KY; and our headquarters in Washington, DC.

Today, U.S. Mint Police Officers have the primary responsibility for protecting life and property, preventing, detecting, and investigating criminal acts, collecting and preserving evidence, making arrests, and enforcing Federal and local laws.

24 hours-a-day the Mint Police safeguard over 2,800 U.S. Mint employees, thousands of visitors and \$100 billion in gold, silver and coinage

Words From The Past - #12

By: Don Curtis

The Year was 1943

Excerpts from minutes of past Baltimore Coin Club meetings as written by the club Secretary Mr. Philip G. Straus:

January 7th, 1943 – *The regular meeting of the club was held on this date, with 12 members present. Application for membership, together with \$1.00 dues, was received from Mr. Maynard, and Mr. Lohrfinck recommended the applicant. Commander Cockaday stated that he had received a letter from Lieut. Robert Trumbell, sending his regards to all our members. He also read a letter he received from Mr. Mockett who is now a Chief Carpenter's Mate in the Navy. Mr. Mockett also wished to be remembered and expressed a desire that we write him at our earliest convenience as it is somewhat lonely in Alaska. His address was given.. The secretary advised that Mr. Cockey had left him an article which he had written entitled "Wartime Gold Output and Demand" and in accordance with Mr. Cockey's request would read same before the club at our next meeting. Mr. Austin entertained us with a most interesting and enlightening talk on Vatican City and it was the general opinion that the data which he brought to our attention was very instructive. Mr. Austin exhibited two beautiful sets of Vatican City coins – those of 1929 and 1939, which he explained in detail. There was then an auction which netted the Club a commission aggregating 23 cents. The meeting thereupon adjourned.*

NOTE: *A letter form The American Numismatic Association, dated Jan. 12, 1943 was included in the minutes, the letter acknowledges receipt of the Clubs annual dues payment membership and the clubs 1943 Membership card was included. The letter goes on to state "Our thought is to encourage numismatic fraternalism among our men in the Armed Forces, and through correspondence, bring home the interesting facts about monies they are necessarily handling as they move to various battle fronts. Interesting stories from those who find something new in numismatics, whether it be in the Armed Forces or otherwise, are always welcome to our Editor."*

January 21st, 1943 – *The regular meeting was held on this date, with 10 members and one guest present. Mr. Neilson of Washington, present. The application for Mr. Stanley Maynard, made at the last meeting, was acted upon and he was unanimously elected to membership. Mr. Duffield mentioned that Mr. Holmes H. Cessna of Cumberland, MD., ANA District Secretary for Maryland, is contemplating visiting us in the near future and it was suggested that an invitation be extended him to attend our coming Annual Banquet. The secretary was instructed to write to Rev. Robert H. Parker, Parkton, MD., inviting him to join our Club. On a motion made by Mr. Duffield and seconded by Mr. Straus, the President appointed a Banquet Committee consisting of Mr. Austin, Chairman and Mr. Lohrfink. Upon a motion made by Mr. McCormick and duly seconded by Mr. Cook it was unanimously decided to hold the Annual Banquet on Saturday, March 20th, 1943, place and details to be left to the discretion of the Banquet Committee. The reading of Mr. Cockey's paper "Wartime Gold Output and Demand" was deferred to our next meeting. Our next regular meeting which will be on Thursday, February 4th, will be "Past Presidents Night" at which all of our Past Presidents will be expected to exhibit and give a brief talk. An Auction was held which netted the Club a commission aggregating 45 cents, the meeting thereupon ajorned.*