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2009 Baltimore Coin Club Notes and Calendar of Events

BCC membership agreed to return to the educational forum by presenting of subjects from “The Official Red Book” and possible additional subjects. Send cybera@comcast.net confirmation receipt and if you want to receive BCC newsletter and provide email address.

6	January	Theme:	Colonial Issues
20	January	Theme:	Half Cents
3	February	Theme:	Large Cents
17	February	Theme:	Flying Eagle and Indian Cents
3	March	Theme:	Lincoln Cents
17	March	Theme:	2, III, and 20 Cents
7	April	Theme:	Shield & Liberty Nickels
21	April		
5	May	Theme:	Buffalo Nickels
19	May	Theme:	Jefferson Nickels
2	June	Theme:	½ Bust & Seated Dimes
16	June	Theme:	Barber Dimes
7	July	Theme:	Mercury Dimes
21	July	Theme:	Roosevelt Dimes

President’s Message

Happy New Year to all members and their families. Another great year has passed for the Baltimore Coin Club. Successful BANC and Whitmans shows, thanks to all of you who gave your time and your time and effort.

After a while with no "program" at our meetings, I am proud to announce that starting with the first meeting in January we will have a program at every meeting. The Club voted back in November to adapt the format used by Middle River Coin Club. The program will follow the Red book order of coins. The January 6 meeting will be focused on Colonial's. In the following weeks we will feature Half Cents then Large Cents then Flying Eagles and Indian Cents, carrying this forward until we end with Paper money, U.S. and Foreign. I will be responsible to recruit people to present each week. So if you have a passion for something and want to share it with the Club, please advise me and I will schedule you in.

Our annual Diner/meeting for the 17th of March will not be at Pappas restaurant this year, due a change in their policy relative to group usage. Instead we will be at The Bowman Restaurant on Harford Rd. Same is located just about 2 blocks north of the Rte #695 (the beltway), on the left as you proceed northbound. There is plenty of parking at the restaurant.

Sadly our Christmas/Holiday dinner was canceled due to the SNOW and slippery conditions. Just to remind everyone, our policy is if Baltimore City Schools are closed or close early, the meeting is CANCELED! Thanks to Bill Stratemeyer for contacting everyone.

After a considerable effort I was finally able to complete the Clubs membership list and assign member numbers to everyone who did not have one. Presently this Club has just under 40 members. If you know of someone who shares our hobby interest, BING THEM TO A MEETING. Remember there are shows coming again this year and everyone's help will be needed.

Ken Finkenbinder

President Balto. Coin Club

A special thanks to all who volunteered at the Whitman Coin Show.

1. Bill Lenz, Ed Craig, Jack Mitchell, Fred Cook, Michael Hencer, Keith Connors, Joe Mashenski, Mark Humphrey, Nick Kurlick, Joe Adam, Joe Burford, Margie Burford, Ken Finkenbinder, Larry Goldman, Don Levin, Wayne McKim sick, George Sauthoff sick, Frank Murphy, Don Curtis, Bryce Doxzon, Sandon Cohen and Bill Stratemeyer.

The next Whitman show will be March 31th thru April 3, 2011

Bill Stratemeyer
December 1, 2010

Summer Discussion on Notgeld

Joe Burford and Nick Kurlick presented their Notgeld collection with discussion on the various elements of Notgeld collecting. Notgeld (German – for “emergency money” or “necessity money”) was special money issued primarily in Germany and Austria to deal with economic crisis situations such as a shortage of small change or hyperinflation. First, Nick discussed what initiated his interests in collecting Notgeld displaying Greiffenberg Notgeld and the story of Rubezahl – a folklore mountain spirit along the border between Bohemia and Silesia – then Nick provided some facts. Notgeld currency was printed by the various German towns in which the central bank (Reichsbank) gave authorization to town and local industries to issue paper money to face shortage of metal. It was therefore not legal tender, but rather a mutually-accepted means of payment in a particular locale or site. Next, Joe displayed his extensive and diversified collection in which he had German and Austria Notgeld. Joe discussed the various forms of materials used for Notgeld and displaying his examples of linen, leather, porcelain, cardboard, coins, and of course paper. Joe probably displayed other forms such as: stamps; aluminum foil, coal, and elemental sulfur were used. Joe mentioned that other countries printed hyperinflation currency after World War I. The types of Notgeld are Serienscheine and Verkehrsausgaben and Grossnotgeld in which Joe had examples. The Notgeld catalogues are written in German! This was a very interesting discussion.

Information from Official Black Book on Paper Money

- 1) Don't store paper money to long periods of direct sunlight, almost sure to cause fading or 'bleaching' of its color. If a bill's color is faded, then there is no known restorative measure for the faded color.
- 2) Do not repair holes in the bills, for it will surely reduce the value.
- 3) Any repairs to paper money are conducted for cosmetic purposes, and should not be used to 'fool' anybody to improve its physical appearance.
- 4) Bill tears can be repaired with special procedures using clear-drying glue, but one should identify the bill as repaired.
- 5) There are instructions for removing wrinkles and creases from older bills, but not recommended for modern or recent specimen, for the bill will lose crispness.
- 6) Remove wrinkles and creases by wetting the note in plain water and dry it between sheets of waxed paper beneath a reasonable heavy weight at 5 pounds or more.
- 7) Large size currency was issued up to 1929 and the increased sized allowed for more elaborate designs.
- 8) Large size notes are sometime referred to as 'bedsheet notes'.
- 9) Gold certificates were issued for public circulation in 1882 as large notes and transitioned into the small size currency and the series ended in 1928.
- 10) A new law in 1964 allowed collectors to own the gold certificates, but they can no longer be redeemed for gold.
- 11) The Federal Reserve System is divided into twelve districts and the cities in which the twelve banks are located:
 - a. Boston
 - b. New York
 - c. Philadelphia
 - d. Cleveland
 - e. Richmond
 - f. Atlanta
 - g. Chicago
 - h. St. Louis
 - i. Minneapolis
 - j. Kansas City
 - k. Dallas
 - l. San Francisco
- 12) Grades and condition are just important for paper money value as it is for the metal and material coins.
- 13) For our Alaska club FRIENDS, there is Valdez Igloo Pioneers of Alaska currency, different trading post bills, and Kopek and Rouble Russian-America money.
- 14) The following are various US paper currencies to entice one's interest:
 - a. Large Size Notes (1861- 1923 series)
 - b. Small Size Notes (1928-present)
 - c. National Bank Notes (1865-1929)
 - d. Fractionals (1862-1876)
 - e. Error Notes (1862-present)
 - f. Obsolete Notes (1800-1877)
 - g. Depression Scrip (1893, 1907 & 1933)
 - h. Warrants, Bounties, and Bills of Exchange (1845-1920)
 - i. Colonial Notes (1690-1799)
 - j. Military Payment Certificates (1947-1973)
 - k. Related Areas Early Checks (1800-1899)

Words from the Past - #20

By: Don Curtis

The Year was 1944

Excerpts from minutes of past Baltimore Coin Club meetings as written by the club Secretary-Treasurer Mr. Plummer Wiley:

November 16, 1944 – *President Straus called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM with 26 members and 10 guests present. Mr. Austin, Chairman of the Membership Committee, presented a recommendation for approval of the application for membership of Mr. James F. Creelman. The members voted and Mr. Creelman was elected a member, and assigned membership #100.*

The club adjourned at the Peale's Museum at 8:40 P.M. and reconvened in Mr. Eliasberg's office where he had prepared a wonderful exhibit of coins and paper money. The exhibit consisted of numerous gold pieces including many of the Private Gold Coins and real enthusiasm was shown by all present. Refreshments were provided by Mr. Eliasberg and a friendly, social atmosphere prevailed. Mr. Eliasberg made a brief talk welcoming his fellow members and guests and took the occasion to present to President Straus a birthday cake since his birthday was on the same day. The affair lasted until 11 P.M.

NOTE: *on December 7th, 1944 the club Secretary submitted a letter to the American Numismatic Association briefly describing the clubs meeting held on Number 16th, for publication in the Numismatist" The letter included a list of some of the hundreds of items that were shown by Mr. Eliasberg, including the following: 1894-S Dime; 1873-CC (no arrows, motto over eagle) Quarter; 1838-O Half Dollar; 1875 & 1876 Three Dollar Gold pieces; a complete set of Stellas, 1798 (small eagle); 1907 St. Gaudans (first type, very high relief) Double Eagle; all \$50.00 slugs; 1805, 1809, 1812 and 1816 Brazilian Gold Bars; complete set of Dimes, and innumerable Colonials, Patterns, Foreign Gold, etc..*

December 7, 1944- *The meeting to order by President Straus at 8:15 PM with an attendance of 26 members and 1 guest.*

Dr. Schaefer treated us with a very large exhibit of magnificent and rare commemorative medals. He gave a most interesting and instructive talk relating to the subject and covered in considerable detail the facts concerning certain individual medals. His talk was well received and the members showed a great interest in his fine exhibit. An auction followed which netted the Club commission of \$2.56

January 4th, 1945 - *The meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM by President Straus with 20 members in attendance.*

A motion was made by Mr. Lohrfinck, seconded by Dr. Schafer, and passed, that notices be sent out stating that the at the February 1st meeting a vote would be taken to revise Article 2 Section 1 of the By-Laws to increase the annual dues of non-resident members from \$0.50 to \$1.00.

The Usual auction was held which netted the Club \$3.15 in commitions.

EDITORIAL CORNER

Recently, a few BCC members attended the November 5th Whitman program by Q. David Bowers on *The ANA and Me* at the Baltimore Convention Center. Mr. Bowers discussed the founding of the American Numismatic Association (ANA) from Dr. George Heath to present day national headquarters and museum located in Colorado Springs, CO. Mr. Bowers provided vivid details on how Dr. Heath published the numismatic news letter (Numismatist) at his own expense. Mr. Bowers talk was a very informative session on the origins and evolution of the ANA society. Then, Mr. Bowers conducted a Q&A session on current numismatic events and his continue efforts toward numismatic education and promoting the ANA for new membership. He did mention of a half cent and cent book that should be released in the near future.

Now my 2-Cents, this was my first in-person session to hear Mr. Q. 'David' Bowers on numismatic information. I believe when people leave his session that they must think what broad numismatic knowledge he just expounds and the plithery of details on numismatic and other related collectible hobbies. This was a very enjoyable and informative session on the history and evolution of numismatics in this country and the significant contributions from various individuals in the establishment of the ANA becoming a focal point – lantern - of numismatic knowledge. David Bowers talked about his collection and salesmanship beginnings and how he attempted to enter the ANA convention as a dealer. His personal touch provided entertainment and understanding on his persistence to enter the numismatic business. Also, the 'hidden' theme of the session demonstrates how collectors and dealers should continue to seek numismatic knowledge that only creates a better relationships and possible friendships.

Thus, recommend when the opportunity is available that you attend a Dave Bowers presentation in-person to experience the educational process of numismatics.

Thank you for your attention,
BCC Newsletter Editor