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Next Meeting:
19 December 2013
6:00 PM
SHONEY'S

December Meeting – Christmas Party and Brown Bag Auction

TAKE NOTE: DECEMBER MEETING BEGINS AT 6:00PM!

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Meeting Summary - November 2013

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM Thursday, November 21, 2013. 22 members and two visitors were present. Charles and Phyllis Eaves were our visitors and Charles became our newest member. Welcome Charles; we're glad to have you! The Treasurer's Report was presented noting an ending balance of \$1,601.91. The Treasurer's report and Minutes were unanimously approved.
- **SHOW & TELL:** Several interesting items were passed around for members to see and appreciate.

Old Business:

- Still no change to membership medal status; it is still in production by Penny Press.
- The V. President is still attempting to fill vacancies for 2014 monthly meeting program talks. There are only a few months remaining so contact Billy Hoovler if you'd like to sign-up for a talk. We'd love to hear about your collecting interest!

New Business:

- The December meeting/Christmas party was discussed. Cost of the meal will be \$14.00 per person. The meal will be from the buffet bar. Price includes the meal, tax and tip. Choices include three different types of chicken, pulled beef, fish and all the trimmings.

Program:

- Jack Hepler presented part 2 of his program titled "Foreign Coins Struck at US Mints". It was well received and quite interesting!

Conclusion:

- J. Rosenhaimer won \$15.50 in the 50/50 drawing, congrats Jean!
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM

Executive Board Meeting - December 2013

The EB met December 12th; discussion topics included:

- President Woodrow Wilson dollar coins have been sent to Penny Press to be encased. These are expected to be completed within the next few months. This will complete the set of the Virginia "Mother of Presidents" series of RACC encased coins. You may want be ready with a suggestions for the next series!
- Members will be asked to make collecting reference material available for use by the club membership. Items to be included will be listed and made available for check-out from the RACC website. Members are requested to consider items to include in the "RACC Library". The list will be assemble over the course of the next few meetings.
- Membership medallion work is still in progress. The board decided that each member under a family membership would receive the membership medal assuming that members met all other criteria.
- RACC bylaws will be past around during the January 2014 meeting to discuss updates and changes.

Brown Bag Auction Guidelines

- All members are requested to put a collectable in one of the brown bags that were passed out last meeting. Fear not if you didn't get one; bags will be available at December meeting.
- Each bag will be numbered and it's important that you remember the number so you don't mistakenly bid on your own item, unless you really want to! 😊
- No one will know what is in each bag so be ready to have some fun!
- Keep in mind that this is a fund raiser for our club; all proceeds from the auction go into the club treasury.
- Please stick with collectable material like coins, paper money, Exonumia or the like. Please, no candy! Try to make it something that you'd be happy winning.
- All items **MUST** be worth at least \$2.00 at least one item will be worth over \$10.00. You'll find that many items are worth much more.

The Numismatist Index - December 2013

- **ANCIENTS**: "Making Sense of Coins of the Qatabanian Kings"
- **TOKENS**: "North American Horsecar Tokens"
- **U.S. COINAGE**: "The Half Cent of 1797"

RACC Birthdays!

- Carol Morgan-December 13
- Ralph Rowley-December 13

😊 Let the secretary know if you'd like to see your name listed when your birthday comes around. We'd love to wish you a happy one!

Happy Birthday to all!!!

Coin Show Info

Alexandria Coin Show Feb. 8, 2014 9AM-5PM. American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Alexandria, VA. Contact Boots Barnes with the Alexandria Coin Club via phone at (703) 975-7029 or e-mail boots.barnes1@verizon.net

Numismatic Word Origins: "Just Joshing"

Josh Tatum was a deaf mute who was able to use an oversight of the Mint to his advantage. In 1883, the Mint produced the newly designed Liberty nickel. On the reverse of the coin, the design featured a Roman numeral "V" but nowhere did the word "cents" appear. Realizing an opportunity, Mr. Tatum had several of the newly minted cents electroplated with a thin layer of gold. Tatum then traveled to various stores, buying items with a value less than 5 cents. When the clerk rang the item up, Tatum handed over one of the gold plated nickels. The store clerks usually assumed that the coin was a \$5 gold piece and would give Mr. Tatum change. Tatum amassed quite a bit of money before being caught by police. He was found innocent of charges since by being mute, Tatum never represented that the coin was a \$5 gold piece. The Mint soon realized the error of their ways and redesigned the nickel to show the word "cents" later in the same year. Josh Tatum's flirt with the law gave birth to the phrase, "I'm just joshing you."

RACC Marketplace

The last page lists RACC numismatic and other items available for sale. Please contact Lauri Pepper at (540) 645-2273 if interested.

RACC Inventory				
ENCASED CENTS				
Qty Avail	Date	Item	Member Price	Non-Member Price
47	2009	Log Cabin	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
112	2009	Log Splitter	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
103	2009	Capital	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
114	2009	Congress	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
2	2009	Complete sets of encased cents	\$ 5.00	4 for \$10.00
70	2012	Encased cents	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
47	2013	Encased cents	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
1	2012	Rolls of encased cents		
2	2013	Rolls of encased cents		
CENTS				
67	2009	Log Cabin (in individual bags)		
19	2009	Log Splitter (in flip holders)		
ENCASED NICKELS				
1	1903	"V" Nickel	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
12	2004D	Lewis and Clark	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
4	2004P	Louisiana Purchase	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00
NICKELS				
1	2006P	Roll - Monticello		
QUARTERS				
1	2010	Roll of Quarters Hot Springs National Park		
12	2010-2021	America the Beautiful Commemorative Quarter Map	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00
12	1999-2008	State Series Quarter Map	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00
ENCASED PRESIDENTIAL DOLLARS				
26	2007	Washington	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
35	2007	Jefferson	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
29	2007	Madison	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
28	2008	Monroe	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
19	2009	Harrison	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
14	2009	Tyler	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
2	2009	Taylor	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00